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BACKGROUND TO IRAQ

THE unrest that has now engulfed northern Iraq comes as no surprise. It is the result of a bitter faction fight between the Communists and the pro-Nasser group which has been in progress ever since the murder of King Faisal and Nuri Said in July last year. The latest news is confusing but the dangers cannot be ignored. The Communists are the only ones likely to gain from the revolt and neither the Nasser group nor the Kassem Government are popular or strong enough to command the country's entire allegiance.

The state of the revolt today is anybody's guess. Kassem's henchmen claim to have liquidated Colonel Shawaf by bombing, counter coup and arrest. Shawaf, or a voice purporting to be his, claims to be still very much alive in the rebel-held city of Mosul. Baghdad's claims to have crushed the insurrection may thus be a desperate bid to hold the affections of the people of the southern Iraq in the face of the growing success of the revolt.

THE area in which the rebels are now said to be concentrated is slightly to the north of Iraq's oil fields at Kirkuk. Assuming Colonel Shawaf still holds Mosul, the reason for Kassem's anxiety becomes clear. For not only does the rebel leader hold the key to Iraq's economic prosperity by dominating the one city from which all the major pipelines run west to the Mediterranean, but he controls the railway line to Turkey and Syria. A prolonged campaign would be ruinous to Kassem.

Russia's interest in the affair is of course intense. It is near enough to northern Iraq to intervene if Kassem asked—and Kassem and the Communists are very close allies. But the crossing of Turkish or Persian air space in such a defiant manner, so soon after the signing of last week's bilateral defence agreement between these countries and the United States, would be risky. Russia may see greater advantages in bidding her time and exploiting unrest in Iraq with her strong Communist party.

WESTERN interest in the affair is also keen. Two hundred British residents are in the oil fields area. Their safety is a prime consideration. The Iraq Petroleum Company's installations in this area make up almost the entire Iraq oil industry and the consequences of a blockade of the pipelines would be serious.

The danger of desperate action by irresponsible people is thus another element in this complex situation. Britain should warn that unless the Kassem Government gives a firm undertaking to protect foreign interests, it will take any action necessary to safeguard British lives and property. But the chances of an amicable solution to the revolt is unlikely. Iraq has been the biggest potential danger point in the Middle East since the fateful date of July 14, 1958 when Kassem toppled into the murdered King's shoes. Today he is slipping. And it looks as if serious trouble in Iraq is going to make world headlines again in the near future.

RIVAL RADIOS FILL AIR WITH CONTRADICTIONARY REPORTS

IRAQI REVOLT PUZZLE

Government Claims Shawaf Captured

Rebels Place £10,000 On Kassem's Head

London, Mar. 9.

The Government-controlled Baghdad Radio claimed tonight that Colonel Abdul Wahab Shawaf, leader of the Iraqi revolt, had been captured.



Another report from Baghdad said the Colonel had been "dragged from the streets" of the oil town of Mosul and "torn to pieces by the army and people."

Conflicting

These reports came after a day of conflicting accounts of the revolt, which flared up yesterday in the northern part of the country, and of the fate of Colonel Shawaf.

A Reuters cable direct from Baghdad said the general impression there was that the revolt had been smashed. But the rebels claimed to be still fighting and said they had wiped out a government force sent against them.

The rebel radio also denied earlier Baghdad reports that Colonel Shawaf had been killed by his own troops. But tonight listening stations in the Middle East reported they had picked up no rebel broadcasts for several hours.

In Control

The latest broadcast from Baghdad said the "masses revolting against the traitors" were in control of Mosul, the rebel headquarters.

Cinema and business houses closed in Baghdad. But curfew, imposed all over Baghdad since the July Revolution last year, was lifted and train services to Mosul were reported resuming tonight.

Meanwhile the rival radio stations, filled the air with a confusion of contrary assertions. The rebels tonight threatened that their "free" Iraq troops would march to Baghdad if General Kassem stayed in power.

'Mad Traitor'

Their radio announced a price of £10,000 on General Kassem's head—the same price that General Kassem has offered for Colonel Shawaf "dead or alive."

Colonel Shawaf, in a broadcast called General Kassem an "insane dictator," while the Prime Minister called the Colonel a "mad traitor."

Reports reaching Ankara, Turkey, said the big garrisons of Erbil and Kirkuk in northern Iraq had joined the Mosul rebellion. In the rebellion, the Tcheran reports said the Sulaimanyah area in Kurdistan, East Iraq, was also involved. Other reports said the revolt had spread to the south.

A spokesman for the Iraqi Petroleum Company in Beirut said the company's pipelines were operating normally, and the company's installations in the oil zones of Mosul and Kirkuk had apparently been unaffected by the rebellion. Reuters and France-Press.

Slim Mamie Home

Washington, Mar. 9. Mrs. Mamie Eisenhower, retired, smiling and five pounds lighter, returned home today after three weeks at plush Arizona beauty and health resort.—U.P.I.

Black Knight Ready

Adelaide, Mar. 9. The second British Black Knight rocket will be fired at the Woomera missile testing range this week. If weather conditions are suitable, according to a science writer in the Adelaide Advertiser.

The writer said the altitude attempted would be 300 miles.—Reuters.

Lord & Lady Shaughnessy Want \$20,000 Damages

Montreal, March 9. Lord and Lady Shaughnessy went to court in a bit of a pique today.

They asked the City of Montreal for \$20,000 as damages for the loss of their car after a taxi driver had them arrested because they had no money when they took his car home from a costume ball.

Lord Shaughnessy was wearing a "Black Knight" costume but his wife was in street clothes.

Lord Shaughnessy, 57, grandson of a late president of the Canadian Pacific Railway, said that he was arrested after a taxi driver had them arrested because they had no money when they took his car home from a costume ball.

Brandt Spurns Khrushchev



MAYOR WILLY BRANDT
Noted with interest

Definite 'Nein' To Soviet Invite

Berlin, March 9.

Herr Willy Brandt, governing Mayor of West Berlin, has refused an invitation from Mr Khrushchev, the Soviet Premier, to discuss Berlin, the West German News Agency DPA reported tonight.

DPA said it had learned unofficially that Herr Brandt felt that an acceptance of the invitation would have changed the legal status of Berlin.

He would be available, however, for a four-power conference at any time.

Readiness

Herr Brandt later read to reporters the text of the answer sent to the Soviet Embassy.

It said: "The readiness of the Soviet Prime Minister for talks with the governing Mayor has been noted with interest by the city government."

"It is said 'wishes had been expressed for a meeting between the Soviet Prime Minister and Herr Brandt.'"

"It must be stated that such wishes did not originate from the city government."

The communique added: "Such a wish could not have been expressed because talks with that power which wants to change the status of Berlin unilaterally cannot be an affair of the governing Mayor."

Reliable sources in West Berlin said that Herr Brandt had been urged by the Western allies and the West German Government not to accept the invitation.

To Split West

Extensive talks between the Berlin city government and representatives of the Western Allies were held all afternoon.

Khrushchev's talks today with Herr Erich Ollenhauer, leader of West Germany's main opposition—Social—Democratic Party, was seen in official circles here as an attempt to split West German opinion.—Reuters.

Leftist Demand Resignation

Singapore, Mar. 9.

The leftist People's Action Party said today it would demand the resignation of the Singapore Government.

Mr Lee Kuan-yew, leader of the Party, gave notice of a motion to be moved at the Legislative Assembly next Wednesday.

The motion referred to "public disgust and loss of public confidence" in the moderate, Singapore People's Alliance, led by Mr Lim Yew-hock.—Reuters.

Complaint Over Cyprus Fracas

Nicosia, March 9.

About 31 citizens of Famagusta, Greeks and Turks, complained to police today about "British troops who attacked our property and cars last night."

They said their car windows were damaged in an "attack."

A Greek Cypriot driver reported to police in Famagusta that his bus was stoned by four soldiers near Carolos camp near the town and the glass smashed.

Minor Injuries

Hospital sources said four Turks were receiving treatment for minor injuries during last night's incidents.

The Mayor of Famagusta, Mr Andreas Fouyvous, accused British troops of attacking Cypriot houses, cinema, vendors and other people in a letter of complaint to the government.

"This has created an unacceptable situation fraught with the danger of an open clash," he wrote.

The Mayor asked for an immediate inquiry into the alleged events of last night, and the punishment of those responsible.—Reuters.

Dulles Progress

Washington, Mar. 9.

United States Secretary of State, John Foster Dulles, was continuing to make satisfactory progress and his morale remained good, the State Department spokesman declared today.—France-Press.

American Forces In Far East Alerted

Washington, March 9.

United States forces in the Far East have been alerted to the possibility that a new crisis might erupt in the Formosa Strait if tensions over Berlin increase this spring, American officials said today.

The feeling is growing in defense and diplomatic quarters that the United States might well be faced with co-ordinated Communist moves on two widely separated fronts at that time.

No one would be surprised if the Chinese Communists opened a second front against Quemoy and Matsu, either to further their avowed goal of crushing the Nationalists or to create a diversion and thereby add to the pressure for Western acceptance of Soviet terms in Berlin.

Concern over the smouldering situation in the Far East, and over the possibility of a joint Soviet-Sino move, has been expressed by top officials, including Defense Department spokesmen.—Reuters.

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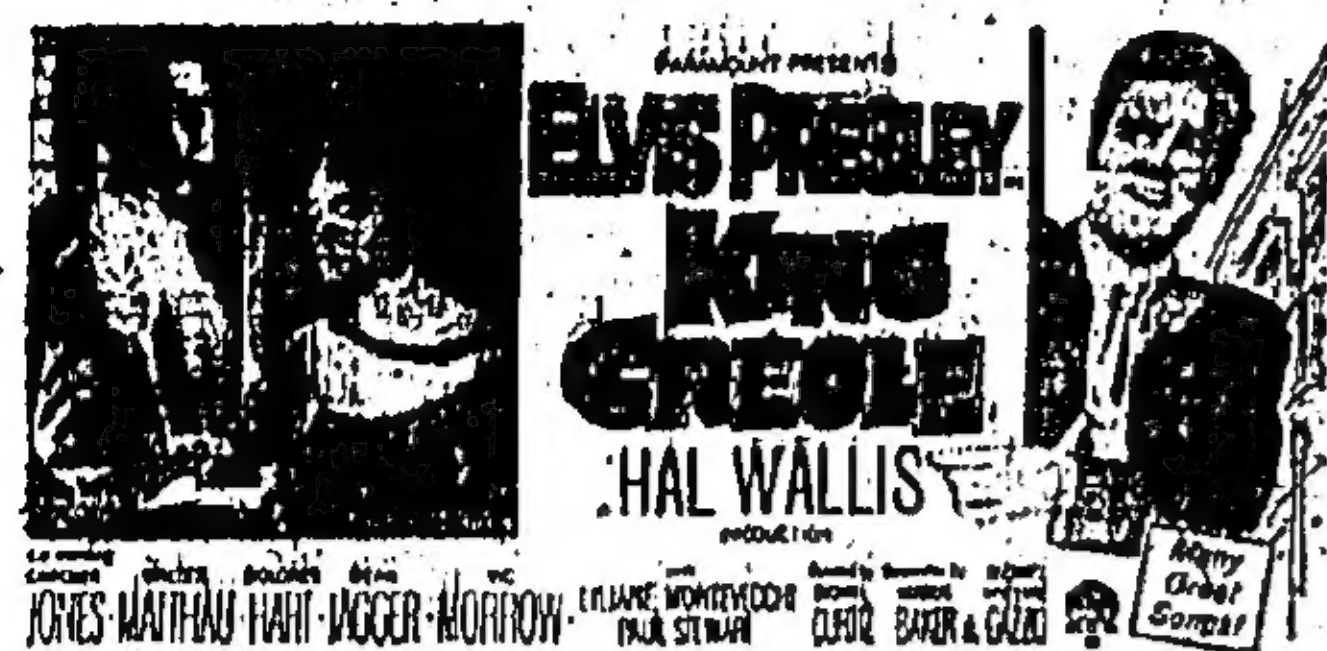
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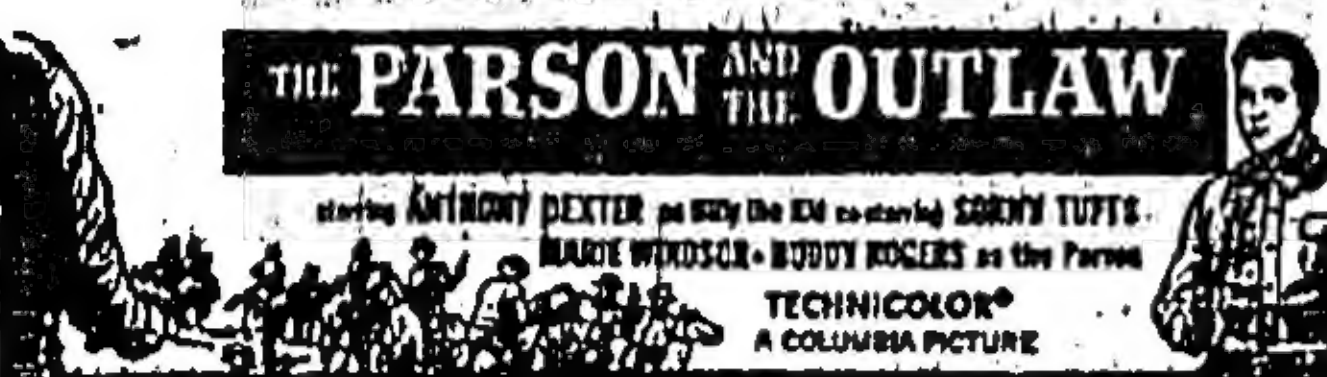
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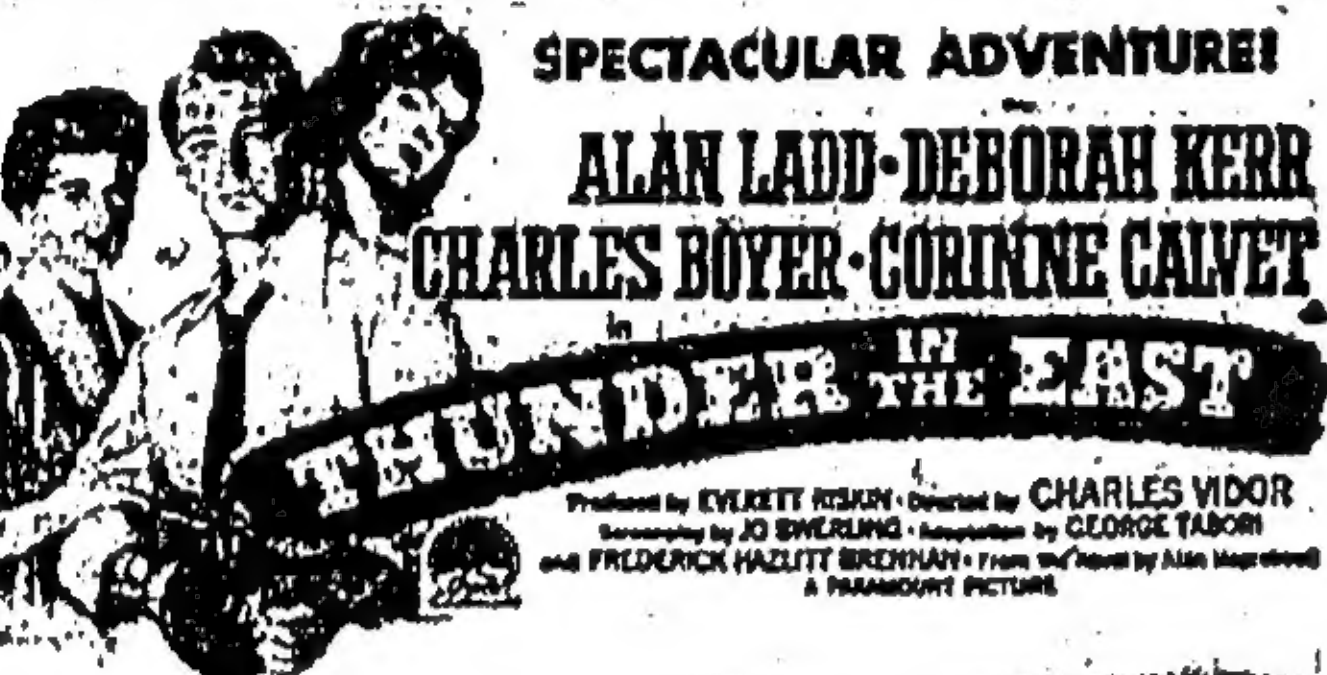
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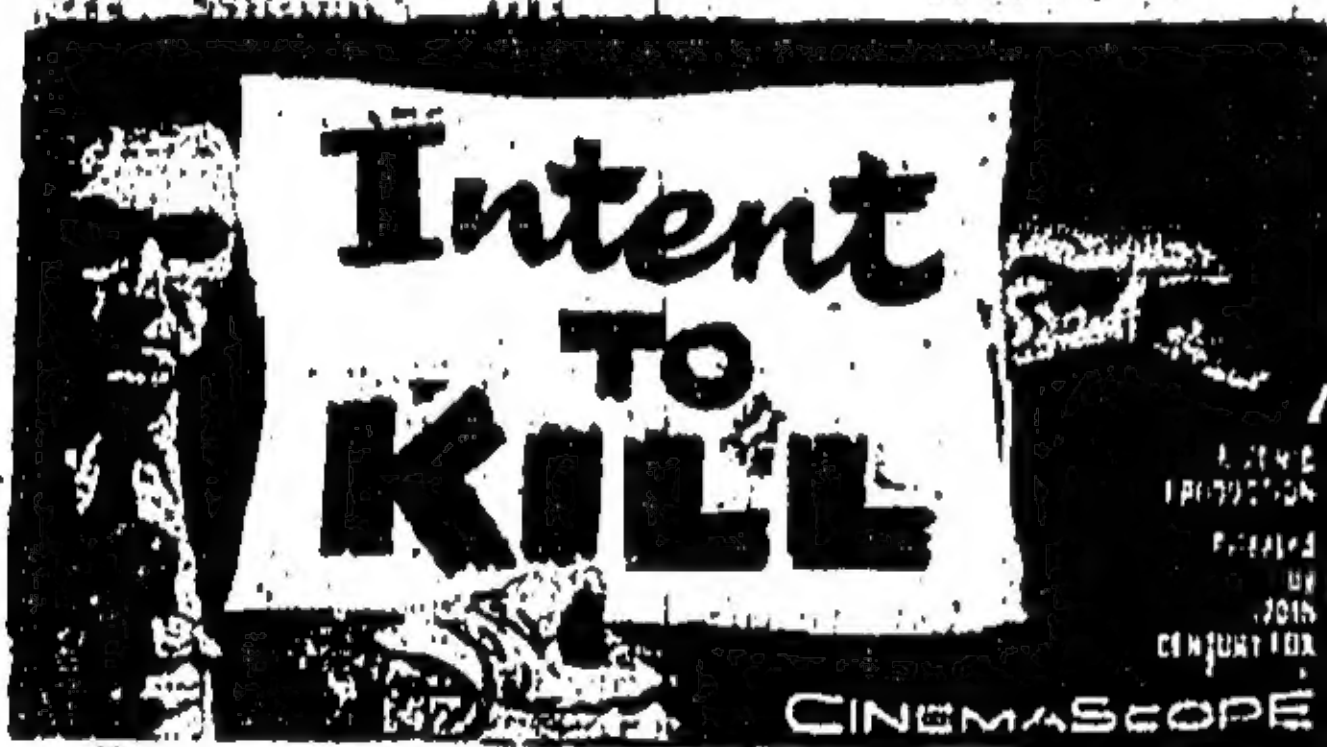
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Death Of Top Malayan Red Haired By Premier

Kuala Lumpur, March 9. The government today hailed as a "great victory" the shooting of the top Communist bandit left in Malaya.

Dato Abdul Razak, the Deputy Premier, said the event showed the Communists had a "hopeless cause" in their revolt which began in 1948.

Japanese Attack Leader Is Now A Missionary

Culver City, Calif., Mar. 9. The pilot who led the Japanese aerial attack on Pearl Harbour is in the Los Angeles area to speak at a Youth for Christ rally.

Mitsuo Fuchida, 56, of Osaka, Japan, said his subject on Saturday will be "From Pearl Harbour to Calvary."

Fuchida, now a Presbyterian missionary, was the former squadron commander who led the 300 plane armada against Pearl Harbour on December 7, 1941.

He is the only survivor of the 70 officers who participated in the sneak raid, he said.

"My survival is a miracle," he said. "My aircraft carrier was bombed by your planes at the battle of Midway. I was hurled into the sea, both legs broken and suffering other wounds. Earlier in the war I was shot down six times."

Converted

"Today, I consider it a miracle that I was taken from the water by rescue boats and permitted by the Lord to live," Fuchida said. A religious tract written by one of the bombardiers with General Doolittle in the first attack on Tokyo was responsible for his conversion from Buddhism to Christianity.

Robeson In London

London, Mar. 9. Paul Robeson arrived here by air today from Moscow after recovering from an illness in the Kremlin Hospital there.

The 60-year-old American negro singer, who is to play the title role in "Othello" at the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre, Stratford-on-Avon, told reporters he was feeling "perfectly fit and well."

STATETO-DAY
AT 2.30, 5.15, 7.20 & 9.30 P.M.

He was commenting on the death of Sir Ma, who was shot on Friday, near Ipoh, North Malaya.

Sir Ma led the October 1951 ambush which murdered Sir Henry Gurney, Britain's High Commissioner in Malaya at the height of Communist terrorism.

The Malayan Government issued a special statement tonight recalling Sir Henry's death and paying tribute to his work in Malaya.

Praise

The Malayan government said Sir Henry had done "his utmost" to increase the well-being and happiness of the Malayan people and to guide them on to the constitutional path to self-government.

He had not spared himself "until he was struck down by an assassin's bullet."

Sir Henry Gurney is credited with having saved the lives of his wife, private secretary and driver in the ambush.

He diverted their fire by calmly walking to his death from the Rolls-Royce.

"The terrorists stopped shooting at the car and turned their guns towards their victim," said the statement.

Four thousand British and Commonwealth troops took part in an operation to "flush out" Sir Ma this year.

Detective Posed As Killer

Miami, March 9. A policeman posing as a hired killer today arrested a Miami woman who he said gave him \$100 as a down payment to slay her husband for \$30,000 insurance.

Det. Jack McCall said he met Mrs. Beatrice Gurley at a pre-arranged rendezvous, and that she paid him the \$100 as part of a \$1,000 fee to kill her husband.

McCall said police had been working on the case for several days before the trap was sprung.

Mrs. Gurley said she asked a taxi driver to find her someone who would kill her husband.

Appeal Dismissed

London, Mar. 9. The Court of Criminal Appeal today dismissed an appeal by Abdul Raziq, a 28-year-old coloured labourer, convicted of murdering Kenneth Peter Phillips with a death knife.

Raziq had been sentenced to life imprisonment at the Old Bailey on December 1. — Reuter.

THEY MEET AGAIN

Those two pillars of the "uncommitted" world, Yugoslavia's Communist Marshal Tito and Egypt's right wing Colonel Nasser met again last week (last time: July 1953 in Dubrovnik) in Cairo to celebrate the first anniversary of the formation of the United Arab Republic. Picture shows Tito and Nasser after they had both addressed an anniversary rally. — Express Photo.

KHRUSHCHEV BACKS NASSER IN IRAQ STRUGGLE

Washington, Mar. 9. Usually reliable diplomatic sources have heard reports that Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev assured Egypt's President Nasser he would recognize a pro-Nasser government in Iraq.

The sources also understood that Khrushchev acquiesced in the Communist Party's being banned in Iraq, as in Egypt, if a pro-Nasser government is installed.

The sources said the reason for this is that Khrushchev realized that Soviet Russian support of the Communist Party in Iraq has caused considerable resentment against Soviet Russia throughout the Near East.

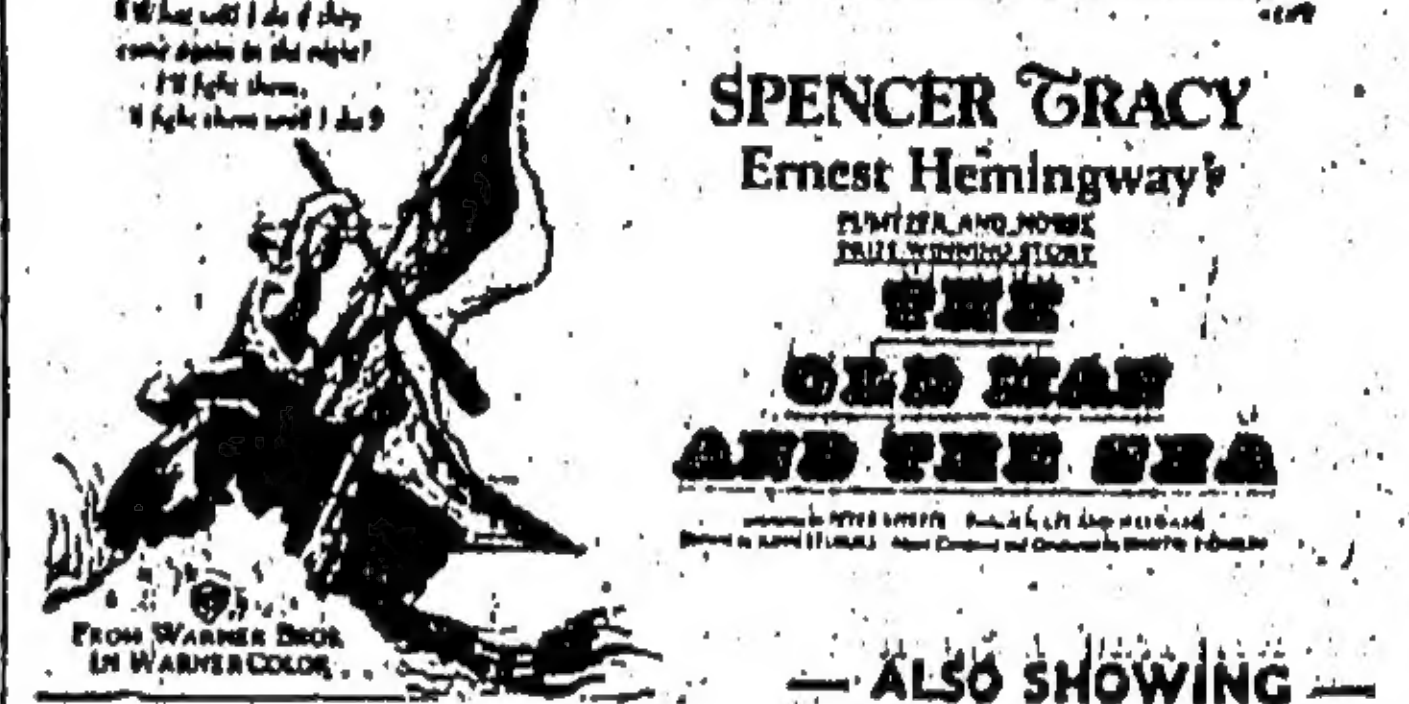
They believed that Khrushchev realized he made a mistake in supporting the Communist Party in Iraq and now feel he can be popular in the Near East only if he does not support the local Communist Parties.

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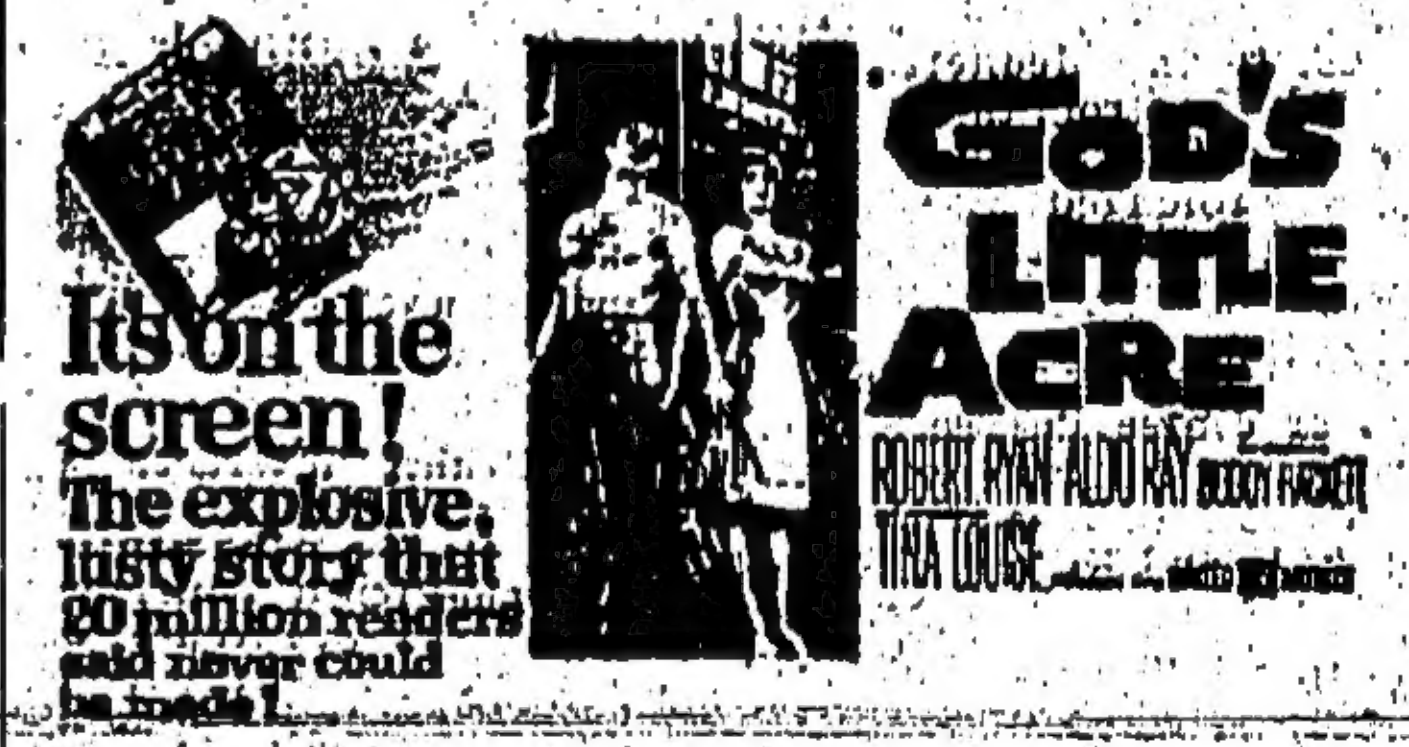
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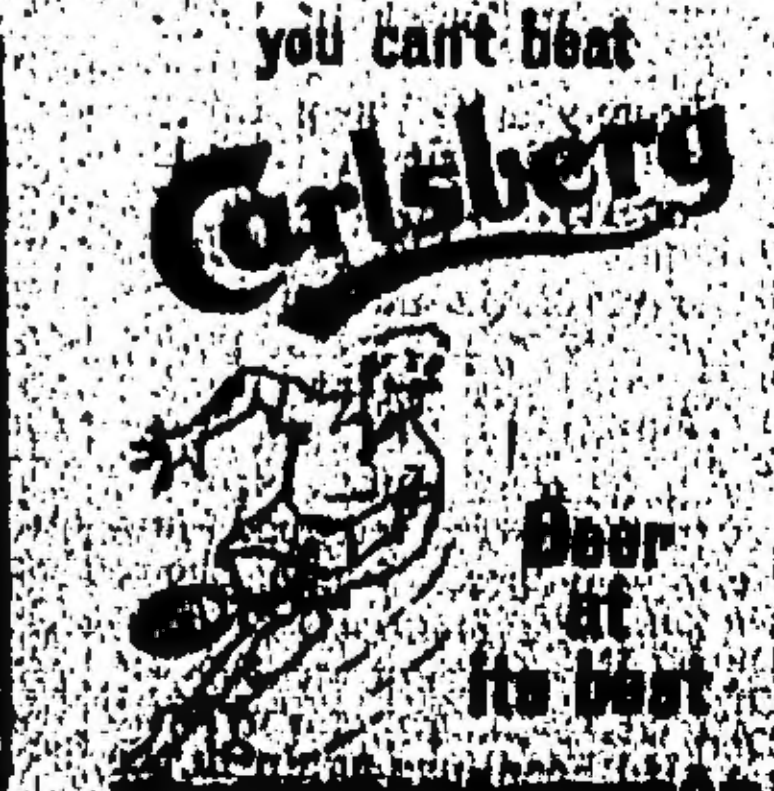
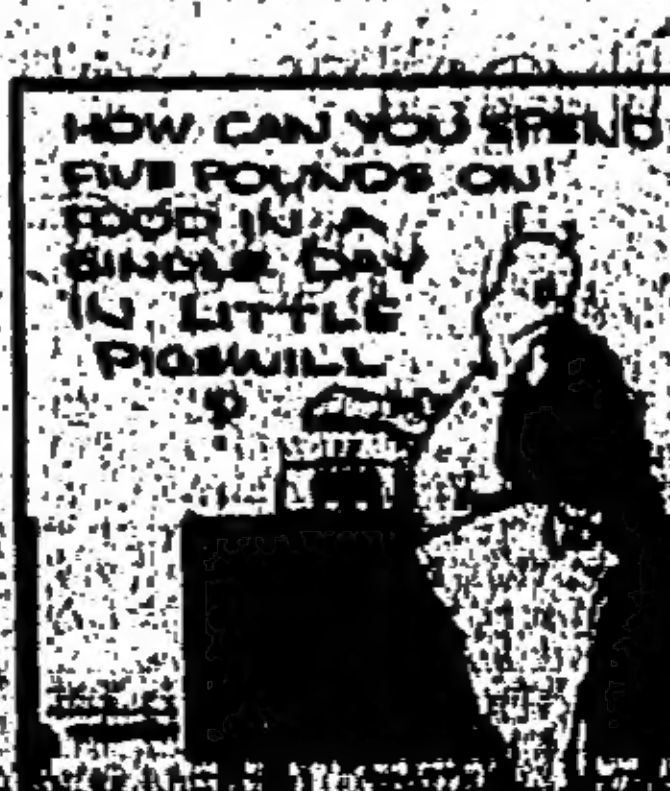
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CARIBBEAN IS A TICKING TIME-BOMB

By FRANK H. BARTHOLOMEW

President of United Press International

San Juan, Puerto Rico, March 9. The Caribbean area today presents all three Americas — North, South Central — with another Balkans on their doorstep that could erupt in warfare.

SPRING HAS SPRUNG

Ann Arbor, Mich., Mar. 9. Spring has sprung on the University of Michigan campus. About 150 to 200 male students marched on a women's dormitory last night in the season's first party raid.

According to a university spokesman: "Some were successful. The female students cheered the group on and tossed undergarments from windows."

He said it all started as a giant snowball battle near the men's dormitory across the campus.

Several windows were broken, but the spokesman called the damage "minor."—U.P.I.

Singapore's Use Queried

London, March 9. The British Government was asked in the House of Commons whether any consideration had been given to an alternative to Singapore as a naval base.

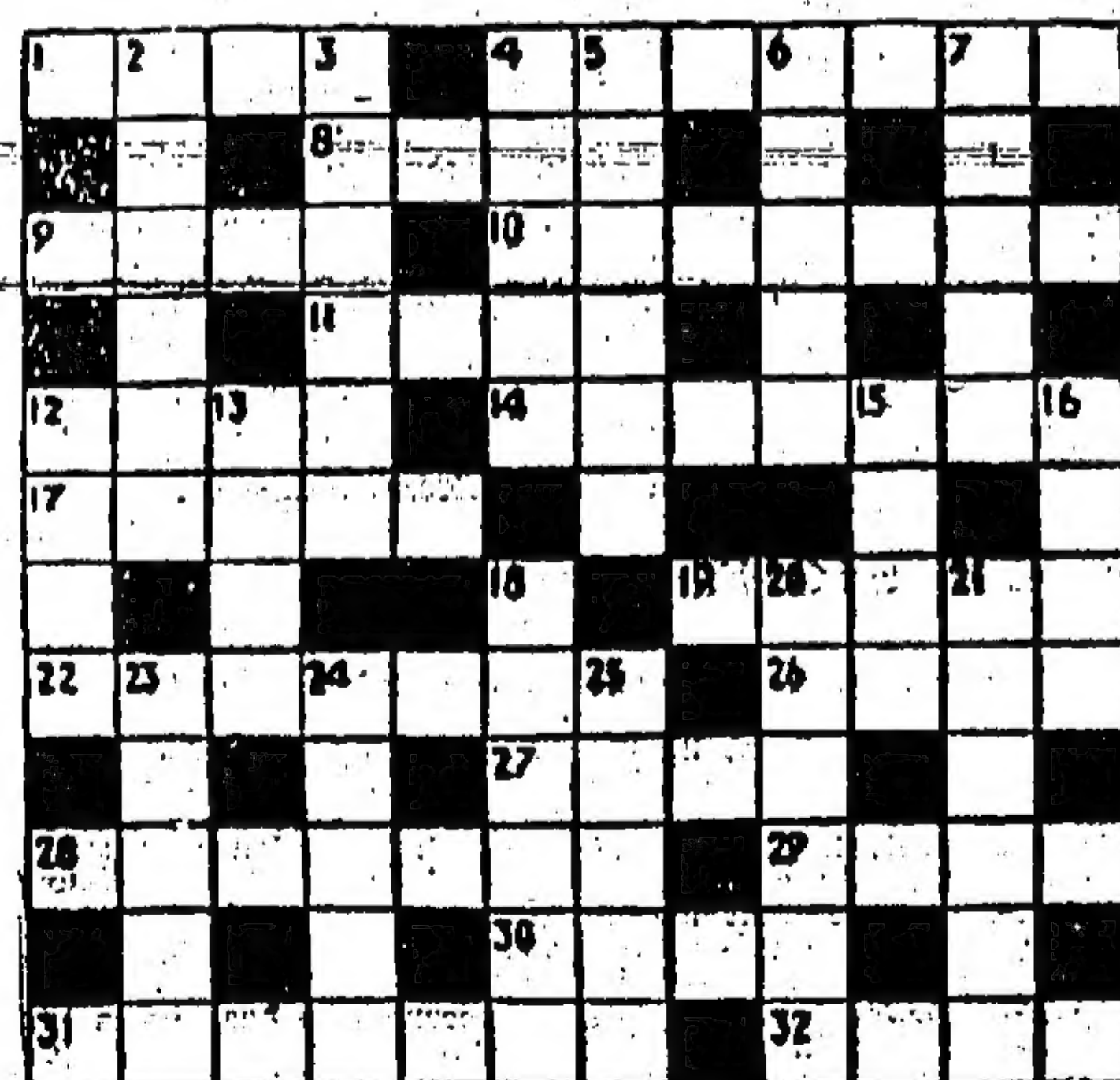
The question was put by Miss Joan Vickers, a Conservative M.P., during a debate on the Royal Navy.

Miss Vickers added: "Perhaps after the coming elections there, the position may not be such a happy one as it is at present."

There was a possibility that Singapore might be seeking loans, not from Britain, but from Russia and China.

Consideration should be given to the future of Singapore as a dockyard and an alternative base for British ships.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS
- 1 Error.
 - 2 Laver.
 - 3 Opulent.
 - 4 Emblem of saintliness.
 - 5 Indemnities.
 - 6 Prejudice.
 - 7 Measure out.
 - 8 Portray.
 - 9 Eat away.
 - 10 Shell.
 - 11 Torture.
 - 12 Aggravated.
 - 13 Lair.
 - 14 Church.
 - 15 Shivering fit.
 - 16 Discover.
 - 17 Trust oneself in.
 - 18 Simmer.
- DOWN
- 1 Idler.
 - 2 Examined.
 - 3 Night.
 - 4 School or college exercise.
 - 5 On high.
 - 6 Superior.
 - 7 Fitting.
 - 8 Journey.
 - 9 Lean.
 - 10 Sword.
 - 11 Really.
 - 12 Attempts.
 - 13 Bird.
 - 14 Constellation.
 - 15 Vagard.
 - 16 Consoles.

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across: 1 Ghosts, 5 Doubt, 8 Refer, 9 Ordain, 10 Fetal, 11 Mavis, 12 Leap, 13 Codes, 16 Domino, 18 Carrot, 20 Glee, 22 Visa, 23 Falls, 25 Broad, 28 Dope, 29 Defeat, 30 Sleet, 32 Decree. Down: 1 Growing, 3 Ordinance, 4 Trim, 5 Senator, 6 Deficit, 8 Orison, 7 Brace, 13 Dominant, 15 Straddle, 16 Branded, 17 Moulded, 18 Abrade, 21 Lurch, 24 Swag.

Tensions appear to be mounting steadily in the potentially explosive military-political situations involving the island republics.

If the first gun is fired in invasion attempts against the Dominican Republic or Haiti, it seems equally probable a whole series of wars may start in chain reaction around the Spanish Main.

The decision appears to rest on the dramatic person of Fidel Castro who ousted dictator Fulgencio Batista from Cuba and who is committed to supporting revolutions in the Dominican Republic, Haiti, and Nicaragua in the Caribbean and Paraguay in South America.

His argument is that their Presidents are as dictatorial as Batista was.



Fidel Castro
Man of the hour.

Catching his zeal, revolutionaries from these target nations have been holding meetings in Cuba, many of them public and well advertised, to formulate their own plans.

I saw a typical incident in a crowded Roncho Luna suburban restaurant outside Havana. Multi-colored handbills distributed at the tables called for the "Liberation of Santo Domingo (The Dominican Republic)" and concluded "Down with the tyranny of Trujillo."

Symbol

To Castro and his supporters, Dominican strongman Gen. Rafael Trujillo is the prime symbol of remaining dictatorship.

An excited Dominican leaped on a table, called for silence and addressed himself to the Cubans present:

"As you fought in the jungles of Oriente Province, so will we soon fight in the forests of the Dominican Republic."

A public address system in the restaurant played the Cuban revolutionary song "Day of Freedom," ending in a tumultuous burst of machinegun fire.

Some of these revolutionary groups in Cuba appear ready for immediate action.

Haiti, under President Grunget Dervalier, seems to be regarded as the ripest target at the moment with an invasion unit under former Haitian Senator Louis de Jolis announcing they are ready to take off this month.

The overthrow of Dervalier in Port au Prince would not only place a man friendly to Castro in control, but would give the Cuban leader an operating base against Trujillo—his primary target—since Haiti and the Dominican Republic share the same island.

"Legion"

Responding to the mounting pressure, Trujillo has announced formation of an "anti-communist legion" of 25,000 men armed with new machineguns to supplement his regular army.

Trujillo has begun dispersal of his air force, the most modern in the Caribbean, and his primary defence, amid reported rumours that American soldiers of fortune friendly to Castro have assembled surplus warplanes on an isolated island in the British West Indies in hopes of destroying the Dominican Air Force in a single raid.

The probability at the moment is that Castro himself would not directly participate in any military moves against the target nations.

But he is believed to have given so much direct encouragement and the promise of arms to revolutionaries from these islands that they may launch offensives on their own, unless he orders them to stop.

Man Of Hour

There seems a good chance that the warlike talk in all the countries visited by this correspondent may subside, exhausted by its very violence. Despite all the threats, no trigger has been pulled yet. And even day without gunfire is one more day of stability.

At the same time, it is evident that the emotional level of exiles is so high and arms so plentiful that an international military adventure may start anywhere in the Caribbean unless the man of the hour in Cuba takes specific steps to halt it.—U.P.I.

U.S. Visit

Bonn, March 9. The West German Defence Minister, Herr Franz Josef Strauss, will visit the United States from April 12 to 30, a West German Defence Ministry spokesman said today.

He will have talks in Washington with the United States Defence Secretary, Mr. Neil McElroy, and afterwards visit American defence installations, perhaps including the rocket launching site at Cape Canaveral.—Reuter.

Japan Defends Repatriation To North Korea

Geneva, March 9.

Japanese Red Cross envoy Masutaro Inoue today charged that thousands of Koreans in Japan did not want to return to North Korea.

He urged the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) to keep that in mind when it decides on the Japan-ROK repatriation dispute.

Inoue said an estimated 18,000 Koreans in Japan (of an estimated 800,000 total) are of North Korean origin and obviously approve Japan's plans to repatriate them to North Korea.

He said it had been estimated that the total of those who wanted to go might reach 100,000.

The Japanese delegate is here urging the ICRC to assist in the repatriations by making sure they are on a voluntary basis.

Choice

In a pamphlet entitled "The Korean Repatriation Question" distributed to ICRC members today, Inoue said: "The choice of nationality is entirely free to each individual, and North Koreans will not evidently take the nationality of the Republic of Korea."

South Korea, which is opposed to the repatriation plan, considers all the Koreans in Japan as ROK citizens.

Inoue warned in his pamphlet that the poor economic condition of many Koreans in Japan might result in death for some unless their situation was soon improved.

Humanity

He said due to the uncertainty of providing them better welfare help with the required urgency, "there is no other remedy than to leave Japan for them."

"Not to hamper their leaving the country is the humanity in this case we should give deep consideration to this point," he said.

Inoue has already stated that there would be no repatriations unless the ICRC agreed to act.—U.P.I.

Tiring Work

Ridgeway, Ont., Mar. 9. A Doberman Pinscher watchdog at the Watt Electric Store was found snoozing away in the basement yesterday after the establishment had been broken into.

However, the intruder, George Price, 48, was found in an office chair, also asleep.—U.P.I.

Tombstone Death

Biella, Italy, Mar. 9. Five-year-old Edoardo Macchetto was crushed to death by a falling tombstone yesterday while visiting his grandfather's grave with his mother.—U.P.I.

Beeps "A Detective Story"

Washington, March 9.

The United States satellite Vanguard II wobbled in orbit and its de-coded signals are "a detective story," space experts said here today.

The satellite's batteries died yesterday after transmitting four days longer than the expected life of two weeks.

A spokesman for the National Aeronautical and Space Administration said today the Army Signal Corps scientists had a quarter of a million feet of tape signals to work on.

The satellite wobbled because of its incorrect spin when launched in its orbit.

It would take weeks, possibly months, to interpret the picture of the earth's cloud cover, one of its main tasks.

"The signals were strong and sharp," the spokesman said. "Electrically it was an unqualified success."

The scientists had to plot the exact extent of the satellite's wobble to interpret the data.—Reuter.



A Judge Reunites Family

Mrs Rachel Bracey, 22, appeared in a Bristol court recently on a charge of attempting to murder her husband Clifford, 33, with a hammer.

But her counsel played over a tape recording made accidentally of the quarrel that led up to the attack, and the judge, deciding that the husband's provocation was the cause of the fight, released her on probation.

Chastened by their four months in the shadows—she in prison, he in hospital, they decided to try and make a fresh and happier start.

And now the Bracseys, their twin children, and the dog are all together again at Mrs Bracey's parents' home at Warming, Wiltshire.

Bracey's husband, Clifford, and his twin brother, Lloyd, and his wife, Steele, reunited. After the picture they went for a family walk in the park.—London Express.

AUSTRALIA'S POPULATION DANGEROUS, SAY PAPER

Manchester, March 10.

The Manchester Guardian today argued that Australia's population of 10 million was far from satisfactory from several points of view.

"Australia claims to have reached a population of 10 million yesterday," the Liberal daily points out.

"It is not a bad score compared with the two and half million whom Elizabeth the First ruled in England or the four million who populated the United States at independence."

"It is far from good, on the other hand, by comparison with the estimate of 400 million as her carrying capacity made in 1914 by Penck, a leading German geographer, after two months in Australia."

"It is no doubt far from satisfactory, too, in the eyes of landhungry Asians who realise that in spite of the size of Sydney and Melbourne the average density of the population is less than four to each of Australia's 2,974,651 square miles."

Desperate Need

"This last point is what worries many thinking Australians—how long can so few white men justify and retain possession of such a vast continent while many hundreds of millions of Asians are in desperate need of land."

"Penck's estimate no doubt was absurd, being based on insufficient evidence, but serious estimates have come nearer and nearer agreement over a figure of about sixty million Australians without a damaging fall in the standard of living."

"The war with Japan brought home to the country how few were trying to defend so much, and in the last twelve years all parties have supported increased immigration at an annual rate of about one per cent of the population."

"But at this rate the total will not reach fifteen million until well after 1980," the Manchester Guardian added.—Reuter.

Bank Hold-Up

Massapequa, N.Y., Mar. 9. Four bandits robbed a bank of \$70,000 today.

The robbers lined about 15 customers and employees of a branch of the Security National Bank against a wall, accepted the money out of the tellers' cages and drove off, police reported.—U.P.I.

Overflow Crowd Packs Africa Protest Meeting

London, March 9. Nearly 1,000 people tonight packed Caxton Hall, London, to attend a meeting organised by the Africa Bureau in protest at recent developments in the Rhodesian Federation.

The Africa Bureau describes itself as a non-party inter-denominational body aimed at fostering better relations between the races and informing people in Britain of African problems.

Speeches were relayed from the main meeting room to crowds in two overflow halls.

Speakers included Father Trevor Huddleston, Anglican missionary, and opponent of racial prejudice, and Mr Jo Grimond, leader of Britain's Liberal Party.

The meeting unanimously passed a resolution calling for a Commission of Inquiry on the Nyasaland question to be set up immediately and for all those detained in the territory to be put on trial or released.

Mr Grimond said Britain's reaction to the situation in Africa would decide whether she was a great power in the true sense or not.

He added: "I protest against oppression and the arrests and deportation of individuals without trial."

The British Government, Mr Grimond declared, had got itself into a difficult position over the Federation.

If they were not careful, they might be faced with the situation the French had in Algeria.

Future Reform

"Any future form of government for Nyasaland or other African territory must rest upon the consent of the governed."

Mr H. B. Chipembere, secretary of the Nyasaland African Congress, arrived in a police roundup last week, said in a letter published in London today that the Congress had been "driven up a blind alley" by the British Government.

The letter was released to the Press today by the Committee of African Organisations in Britain.

ATOMIC FALLOUT CAN KILL AT 1,000'S OF MILES

Lafayette, Ind., March 9.

Atomic Energy Commissioner Willard F. Libby said today that the radio-active fallout of a nuclear attack could endanger the life of a man thousands of miles away who stayed outdoors for more than an hour.

Libby's warning was one of the grimmest ever to come from a member of the AEC.

In 1954, after the explosion of a hydrogen bomb at Bikini, the commission said the fallout had poisoned a seven thousand square mile area.

A person exposed to the fallout for more than 30 hours might have died, the AEC said then.

Today, however, Libby said the fallout, spreading over several thousand square miles, would be so intense "that it would be hazardous to life to stay out in the open for more than an hour."

"The density would be high enough so that farm land in this area would be ruined for something like 40 years for anything except the pasture of food for beef cattle or possibly swine," Libby added.

Despite the deadly fallout menace, he said, adequate civil defence preparations could provide an effective protection against it.

He called for prompt action to guard against fallout.

"Otherwise," he warned, "tens of millions of people in this nation might lose their lives because they were ignorant of the effects of radio-active fallout."

At present, Libby said, anti-fallout precautions are lacking because of an "attitude of hopelessness... born of ignorance."

"The world today is afraid," Libby said. "Possibly the very horrors of the atom in modern war may eliminate the outbreak of a third world war holocaust. We cannot, however, rely on this happening."—U.P.I.

Cockneys Mourn "The Elephant's" Passing

London, March 9.

Workmen moved in today to knock down the historic Elephant and Castle Public House on an island site in South London which causes the capital's most expensive bottleneck.

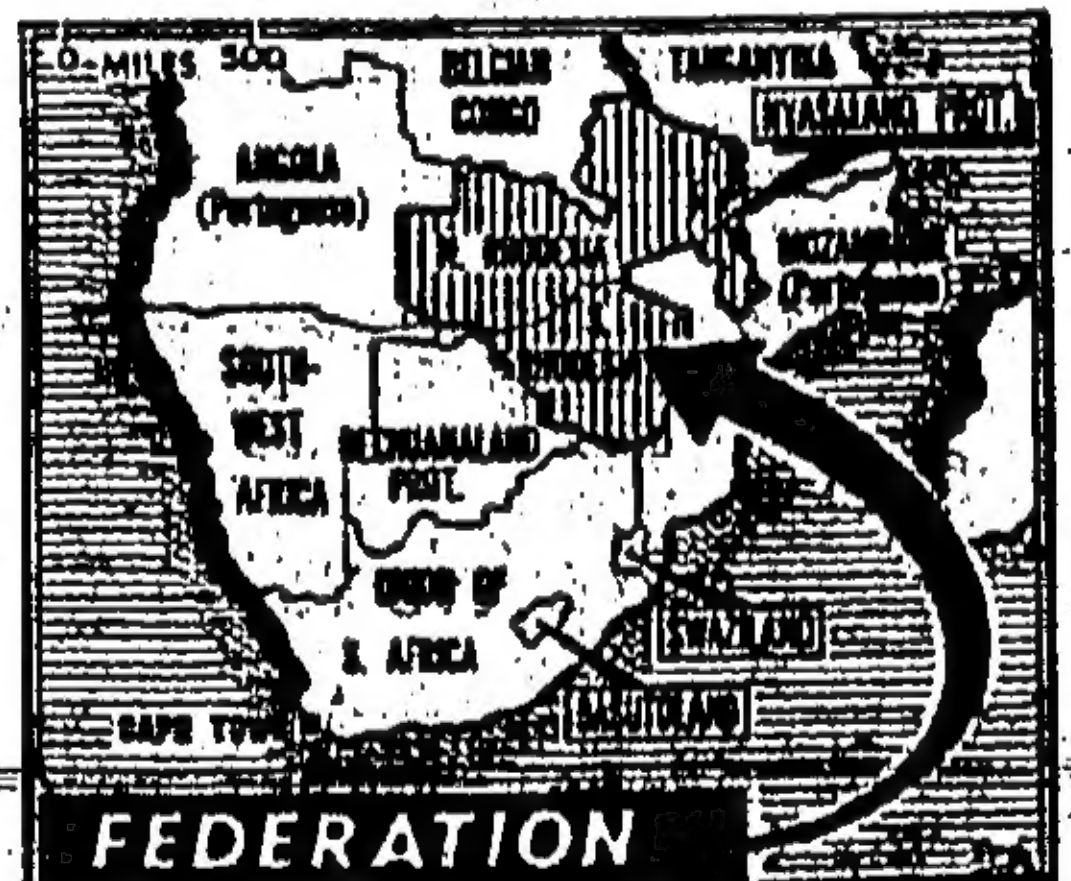
Last night, Cockneys mourned the passing of their favourite haunt with their own songs like "Roses for Mother Brown" and "My Old Man said Follow The Van." It was a rowdy, merry and a colourful era.

It is said "The Elephant"—as Londoners know it—began to cause a traffic bottleneck in 1941, when a blacksmith paid four shillings a year for ground in the middle of the road to build his smithy.

The pub came later, the present one about 50 years ago.

But it stands at the junction of 42 streams of traffic feeding seven bridges over the river Thames—carrying 4,000 vehicles an hour. So it must go.

The London County Council has bought 6,485 acres of shops, churches, office blocks, houses, pubs, and bombed sites under the £15,000,000 scheme to speed up the city traffic—China Mail Special.



Map shows the Rhodesian Federation, latest world hotspot.

10 Arrested After Clash

Lusaka, Northern Rhodesia, March 9.

Ten African National Congress members were arrested after a clash between government officials and a crowd of Africans at Lundulwa in Northern Rhodesia, five days ago. It was officially announced today.

The Africans are now in good awaiting trial.

The incident is the first hint of disorder in Northern Rhodesia, third partner in the Rhodesian Federation.

Muchinga is in the northwest corner of Northern Rhodesia, near the borders of Angola and the Belgian Congo.

The District Commissioner was told the 10 Africans had been arrested after a clash between government officials and a crowd of Africans at Lundulwa, five days ago. It was officially announced today.

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LOGAN GOURLAY

REPORTING AROUND-TOWN AGAIN

PAUL ADAM STAYS IN BED DESPITE THE PRINCESS

—to keep a date with Britain's housewives



PAUL ADAM—SLEEPING PILLS FOR A DATE WITH HOUSEWIVES

I AM back—a shade reluctantly—to London, the capital I love and sometimes hate... London of the slick knives and the respectably furled umbrellas... of the zoot suits and the City pin stripes... of the nyloned street-walkers and the gattered bishops... It's still the city—as I knew it would be—that is stiff with social snobberies, rigid with class-consciousness. And it's still in its paradoxical way, one of the last capital bastions of personal freedom.

A favourite

It's also the home of the gentle Constitutional Monarchy. And the home of crown-wearers like Lord Altrincham and John Osborne, Esq.

I must tell you the latest incident involving our malleable Monarchy in our gradually developing democracy. It happened just a couple of nights ago when I was exposing my faint sunken to the West End's dim lights.

Into a Park Lane nightclub walked Princess Margaret with a party of three friends, including Julian Bynne, who is not one of the chinless wonders. On her record of fairly regular attendance over the years the nightclub can claim to be the Princess's favourite. So I can reveal that it's called the Miffo.

It can also claim the band-leader who is the Princess's favourite. He is the darkly handsome Paul Adam, more commonly known as the deb's delight.

Test case

But when the Princess and party arrived at 12.30 a.m. he was not on his deb-delighting stance. He was in his king-size bed at his new home in Minerton Street, which is five minutes away by fast Jaguar. The news surprised the Princess, as it would many midnight ladies. Mr Adam, who is usually at his liveliest in the

sleeping hours, had changed his routine to be freshly awake for about 8,000,000 housewives.

He is a recent convert of this B.B.C. breakfast serial "Housewives' Choice." It's something of a test case for him because he has let the housewives down in the past.

On one occasion a couple of years ago, when he was competing the programme he slept in. The natural reason was that he hadn't gone to bed until just before the hour when 8,000,000 alarm clocks are ringing throughout the land.

He is determined this time that the housewives will hear his deep bass promptly at nine every morning.

So he had gone to bed that night at 12.15 after washing down two sleeping pills with a little champagne.

Your choice

At 12.45 he was just falling into dream-dreaming slumber when his bedside telephone rang. The head waiter told him that the Princess had arrived and was inquiring for him. Holding his brown eyes open he said: "I've just taken two sleeping pills. I couldn't drag myself out for the entire Royal Family. Anyway, I must remember my housewives." The Princess frowned her disappointment in a little whisky and water. She danced gaily until 2.30 a.m. to the landless band play-

ing, among other things, "I've Got You Under My Skin." She sent the following message to Mr Adam: "Pleasant dreams. I may hear you in the morning."

So 8,000,000 housewives and many cringing husbands got Mr Adam promptly on time at breakfast. But a Princess had to do without him at her after-midnight liquid supper.

Now you can call this a victory for the commoners. Or you can call it a diplomatic triumph for the malleable Monarchy in our gradually developing democracy.

I cannot resist adding that the choice is yours. (Forgive me if you can.)

I AM BACK and so is Harry Roy. Back to the May Fair Hotel, where he last appeared 20 years ago in the days of the big bands and the bigger spenders.

I went to his 1959 opening night, and I want to say that though his band is smaller his skill as a clarinet-blower is not. Neither is his infectiously gay personality.

Could you call this a sentimental nostalgic plug for an old friend and a band-leader from the pre-rock era? You could.

CHOPSTICKS TREND

I am back to a changing, unchanging London that true to recent history may be following another New York trend.

I mean the Oriental trend which is creeping softly round the skyscrapers, which has brought three two-seater-

thinking, Chinese-style musicals and a heavy-bladed Japanese drama to Broadway, which has put kimonos and cheongsams in the dress shops; and which has rocketed the sales of eye-slanting miscare-pencils.

As yet you can search the lengths of Piccadilly and Oxford Street without one ravishing glimpse of a cheongsam—the tight-fitting Chinese dress, which has a high, modest neck, and the high, immodest, thigh-level slit on the skirt.

THE STARS...

But... But... More and more London taste-buds are being tickled by Chinese food. More and more Chinese restaurants are producing a tide of bird-nest and shark-fin soup that is spreading beyond the limits of Soho.

I have been talking to a gentleman called Robert Koon, who is partly responsible. At least, he is the owner of the two biggest Chinese restaurants in town.

He told me in Pleadably-accented English: "Very few know much about the dishes. They all ask for

chop suey. They never ask for bird-nest soup, but they like it if I serve it without telling them."

The star customers include Frankie Vaughan, Terry Thomas, and, inevitably, Wrenn Lelsh, who usually gets herself in the vanguard of new trends.

(Personal memo to Miss Leigh: I think you'd look charming in a cheongsam. I can tell you that "one of the waiters, who was trained as a dressmaker in Hongkong, will run one up for you between courses.")

Mr Koon, who drives an American car nearly as long as the Great Wall, admitted modestly that at 32 he is well on the way to becoming a millionaire mandarin of London. He told me about his unfulfilled ambitions.

1. To open a chain of Chinese restaurants throughout the country and bring chopsticks to the millions.

2. To go to China, London-born Mr Koon has never been.

3. To get more Chinese people into his restaurants. Mr Koon, who has to slightly Westernise his food for our palates, confesses that he has very few Chinese customers. They don't like the food.

I AM BACK to the frightening pile of unanswered letters, unread hand-outs and magazines. On top of the pile is a Holly-wood fan magazine with a cover picture of Elizabeth Taylor and this bold heading:

"I Was Betrayed. Li's Side of the Story." (You know the story about her latest love, Eddie Fisher, and his newly divorced wife Debbie Reynolds.) I have only one thing to say to the betrayed Li: Come off it, dear!

I AM BACK to the London that often baffles me and must mystify the foreigners. The London which has a newish restaurant called The Marble Arch Barbecue. Where is it? Bang in the heart of Leicester Square.

(London Express Service).

Should This Widow Help A Gaolbird?

By TOM SHAW

FOR ten years Mrs Beatrice Porter has carried a wonderful picture in her mind...

Perhaps, by kindness and example she could help an artist-convict who has spent years in gaol.

And perhaps, one day, the man would take the place of a son she lost in the war.

Her strange story began in 1949.

A magazine published a letter she had written. The letter ended: "You cannot always be expecting something back in return for what you have given."

He was then about 37," she said. "He behaved perfectly. He painted a picture for me to show his gratitude. I felt like a mother towards him. For 13 months I received letters from him. He was working hard and apparently going straight."

Suddenly the letters stopped. Through the Salvation Army Mrs Porter learnt that the man had been sent back to prison for three years on a house-breaking charge.

New Start

What to do now? Give it up as a hopeless case? Mrs Porter determined to persevere. When he was released she invited him to her home again.

She told him: "I was foolish enough to think that a woman's interest would make you realise the importance of living decently. Please try to make a go of it."

And so a fresh start was made. Once again there began the flow of letters.

And again—in 1957—they suddenly stopped. This time he was in Wandsworth Gaol.

Mrs Porter wrote to the governor requesting him to ask the man if he wished to continue the correspondence. This time the convict replied: "I think it would be better for your sake to discontinue writing."

"Sometimes letters go astray. There are unscrupulous people here and if anything happened to you I could not stand it."

Now Mrs Porter wonders if the picture spoiled beyond repair? Has she tried in vain?

OR SHOULD SHE KEEP ON FIGHTING?

A letter was sent to her. It was from a convict. He was serving seven years in Birmingham Prison. Would Mrs Porter write to him?

Widowed Mrs Porter sent him a Christmas card.

Two years went by. And all the time she was worrying about the man in gaol.

"I could not help feeling he would be thinking we were a poor lot outside," she told me. "And I could not forget a letter he wrote me in which he said:

"Somehow or other, the old lags always go back."

When the time came for his release she decided to take a chance.

She asked him to spend Christmas at her home in

THIS ALONE, SAID SIDNEY BRADFORD, MAKES SIGHT WORTHWHILE BUT



CONCLUDING A BLIND MAN'S REDISCOVERY OF SIGHT

by MERRICK WINN

SIDNEY BRADFORD and I set off for Portugal in a Super-Constellation and there was no sign at all of the collapse that was coming. I had not seen him happier.

He had not seen a plane before, or known what one looked like, and almost all the way he looked out of the window, not ashamed to be excited, worshipping the clouds.

He knew now where I was taking him—to the carnival at Estoril, to show him things he would love, colour and brightness and 10,000 people dancing, to help him decide whether sight was worth while.

In the last few days in London, he had grown even more emphatic that if he went blind again in six months' time he would have no more operations. His sight certainly seemed worse. He told me: "The left eye is pecking up. It used to be bright and now it's all dull."

He seemed not to mind. But maybe he minded a little because he said: "I feel I ought to want to see, and perhaps this carnival will help."

So this was the experiment and I think it nearly came off.

It began splendidly. This man, who had been treating sight like a third arm, in the way and useless, used his eyes now.

He loved the sun and the sky and the people and, above all, the colours. Yellow was his favourite, which was strange, because many blind people given sight like yellow least.

Although he could not see so well and had to wear dark glasses in the sun, he seemed to me to see things more quickly. He was adapting more to the seeing world, though perhaps he did not know it.

We saw many things he had never seen before, and he stared and marvelled, a boy with a pipe and a trilly.

A ship. It was bigger than he had imagined and NOT pointed at both ends. The steering wheel was upright, instead of flat. There were only three masts, not eight or nine. The sea. He stood, on the beach, in the evening, watching the great waves chucking them

selves at him and he did not speak for a long time.

But later this same evening he said, suddenly: "Merrick, I've changed my mind." I said, curiously, because this was tricky: "Oh, why?"

He said: "All this... it's worth seeing. This is beauty."

But next day in Lisbon we saw a blind man. I asked him what he felt, seeing this man. He said: "Nothing." I asked if it did not make him glad that he could now see.

He said: "No. I've forgotten that I was ever blind." Then: "But if I woke up in the morning in darkness I wouldn't shed tears."

In contradictions like this he showed the conflict in him. Richard Gregory, the Cambridge scientist, was right when he said: "This man must be very torn."

Sunrise

said: "After it's all over I'll tell you what I really think of sight."

Next morning we got up to see the sunrise and there, still seemed nothing wrong. He was quiet, but I thought, this was because he was moved, and wondering.

Two hours later I went to his room and it was in darkness. He was in bed and at first he did not seem to know I was there. His pyjamas and bed-clothes were sodden.

Crisis

I called the doctor, who said he had a very high fever which might be flu or the result of vaccination but he could not be sure. It was not easy to identify.

What neither he nor I knew then was that Sidney Bradford had had these fevers almost throughout his life and they have usually been associated with some crisis of emotion.

sight for him would ever be important. day he was ill, but next day he was better. I asked him if he was disappointed to miss the carnival, and he said: "No. Neither was he. In the afternoon we went up to the hills and he said: 'I can see much better now.' He found a yellow flower. I don't know what it was, and he said: 'This alone makes sight worth while.'"

So up there on the hill I asked, but not hoping: "Do you mean that if you go blind again you'll try to see?"

He said: "No. I don't mean that. I've enjoyed all this, seeing it, but I'd have enjoyed it blind, in a different way. I don't think I've enjoyed it more for seeing."

"I'm glad to have seen it, and if I can keep what sight I have, I'll have the further operations needed to improve it. I think sight is worth that much."

No happier

He poked with his finger at the yellow flower, thinking. Then: "But if I go blind again, I'll stay blind. I know they could start the all over again, from the beginning, but... life's too short. There's all the pain, too—like gravel in the eyes."

He added: "The point is this—I'm no happier for seeing. I think I'm more miserable."

He seemed fairly well for the rest of that day, but when we got back to London he was suddenly worse. And now, back home in Burton-on-Trent, he is still ill. Though recovering.

Someone who has known him many years and sees him every day told me: "He has been so overwhelmed by seeing that he's gone back to blindness for a while."

Doubts

When I told a doctor this he said: "It's possible, and natural. Seeing after 50 years must be like living in a tempest—until he gets used to it."

Will he get used to it? I recall that one of the Cambridge scientists feared, as I did, that he may be an "appealing tragedy," that giving him sight may have mucked up his life. No. Of this I am absolutely certain: Sidney Bradford, who coped so well with blindness, will cope very well with sight. He needs only time. All right, he doubts it. But let him another trip to Portugal. "I am right. To my mind, time will tell."

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SHOT PUT REPLACING THE MILE RUN

Succession Of World Records More Likely In The Field Event

Los Angeles.

The shot put has taken the place of the mile run as the event in which a series of world records are in prospect, champion Parry O'Brien and leading track and field authorities agreed today.

O'Brien, who holds the current world's mark of 63 feet, 2 inches, is confident that he and freshman star, Dallas Long, both will exceed his mark.

The world's champion told the Southern California Track and Field Writers and Coaches Association yesterday that he felt capable of breaking his own mark by a pretty good margin. "And he said Long, 18-year-old freshman at University of Southern California, will be right there also, just as he was recently when both unofficially surpassed O'Brien's mark."

70 Feet?

But it was the senior coach of them all, the retired Dean Cromwell, who looked ahead

more boldly than the others and said he expected the shot put mark to reach 70 feet in a few years.

"There is no such word as ultimate in track and field," the retired Olympic Games and University of Southern California coach told his listeners. "Competition was the reason why men ran the mile in under four minutes."

"Parry is fortunate in having a young fellow like Long to urge him on. A dedicated athlete like Parry should keep right on going to 64 feet, then 66 and I would not be surprised to see him do 68 feet, 6 inches before he retires."

Phenomenal

O'Brien said he intended competing for another two years, through the 1960 Olympic Games. But he was realistic about the chances of any of his records standing for any enduring period of time due to the presence of Long.

"Long will be one of the most phenomenal persons in track and field," he predicted. "It took me 10 years to reach 63 feet and Long has done it as a freshman."

O'Brien attributed his brilliance in his event in recent years to weightlifting and said he understood Long is embarked on a similar programme to build up his body for greater efforts.

Still The Best

In addition to the shot, O'Brien said he intended to compete more in the discus this year. With only limited practice in that event he has only 110 feet, 3 inches, only two feet less than his best mark.

Attention on the shot put resulted from Long's toss of 63 feet, 4 inches in a meet recently. O'Brien was present in civics, changed into track clothes and showed them ball 63 feet, 6 inches to prove he was still the best. The field, however, has a slight slope and neither mark was offered as any record other than a freshman school mark for Long.—U.P.I.

England's Rugby XV Against Scotland

London, March 9.

England, who recently drew 3-3 with France, are unchanged for the Rugby Union International against Scotland at Twickenham, Middlesex, on March 21.

The unchanged team suggests that the selectors are more satisfied with results than with performances.

England were fortunate to find the French forwards below their best and against Wales and Ireland the English pack was far from impressive. They may experience difficulty in holding the Scottish eight in the loose.

The three-quarters also have not so far shown as a collective force, chiefly because of the inability of the centres to provide chances for the wings.

THE TEAM

The England team is: J. G. G. Hetherington (Northampton), P. B. Jackson (Coventry), M. S. Phillips (Oxford University), J. Butlerfield (captain, Northampton), P. H. Thomson (Waterloo), A. E. W. Rissman (Manchester University), S. R. Smith (Cambridge University), L. H. Webb (Bedford), H. O. Goddard (Coventry), G. J. Bendon (Worcester), R. W. D. Marquis (Harlequins), J. D. Currie (Harlequins), A. J. Herbert (Worcester), A. Ashcroft (Waterloo), J. W. Clements (Old Cranaghans). — China Mail Special.

QUEEN'S CLUB TENNIS TOURNAMENT

London, Mar. 9.

Britain's Robert Wilson, second seed, defeated his compatriot T. Adamson in straight sets, 6-3, 6-1, 6-7 in the second round of the British Covered Courts tennis tournament at the Queen's Club here today.

Top seeded Kurt Nielsen did not have a match today. He enters the tournament later.

MEN'S SINGLES (First Round)

E. Donnell (US) beat J. Innocent (Britain) walkover.

A. Mill (Britain) beat J. Crump (Britain) 6-3, 6-1, 6-1.

G. Pals (Britain) beat D. Hales (Britain) 6-0, 6-2, 6-0.

R. Becker (Britain) beat G. Slabba (Britain) 6-2, 6-0, 6-1.

(Second Round)

G. Filderman (Britain) beat M. Khalib (Iran) 6-1, 6-0, 6-0.

R. Wilson (Britain) beat T. Adamson (Britain) 6-3, 6-1, 6-7.

—France-Press.



PARRY O'BRIEN

FRENCH CYCLISTS IN THE FORE AS PARIS TO ROME RACE ENDS 6TH STAGE

Nice, March 9.

France took a grip of the Paris-Nice-Rome professional road cycling race at the "half-way mark" today when there was a general shake-up over the 202 kilometres stage from Manosque to here.

Battling against the strong Mediterranean mistral wind, France's Pierre Everaert came through in a tight final sprint to win the sixth stage of this 2,000-kilometre "Race to the Sun".

Italy's Scudellaro was second and Belgium's Vranken was third in the same time as the winner.

White Sweater But the shakeup also reshuffled the French leadership. Jean Graczyk, who was 13th yesterday, took the white sweater as overall leader from his compatriot, Gerard Saint with an elapsed time of 30 hours, 37 minutes, 45 seconds. Saint dropped to seventh place, with 36 hours, 41 minutes, 47 seconds.

In the overall standings, Belgium's Vranken was second in 30 hours, 38 minutes, 32 seconds.

Riders in the main pack which sheltered behind each other against the wind finished more than six minutes behind the leaders in today's stage.

Abandoned Among them were such nees as Louis Bobel, triple Tour de France winner, his brother Jean and France's Jacques Anquetil, winner of the 1957 Tour de France.

Dublin's Seamus Elliott and Belgium's Blanchaert, Van Daele and Keteleer abandoned, leaving 85 riders out of the 95 starters in the race which winds up in Rome on March 14.

Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, who recently, in the Channel Islands, had a run of 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1.

Vivid Memories It all set me wondering whether, so long as you were lucky enough to take it up at the appropriate age, any game leaves you with such vivid and inefaceable childhood memories as golf, the pastime so long thought to be the prerogative of the aged.

I must not harp on the all too favourite subject of simpler golf, but I do believe that, just as the thrill of one's first bicycle and the moment when one realises that one really can at

Soviet Athletes Decline French Invitation Moscow, Mar. 9.

Three top Russian athletes will not take part in the indoor meeting in Paris on March 14 because the invitations sent by the French Athletics Federation arrived too late, the Union of Russian Sports Associations and societies announced here today.

The three invited were world high jump record-holder Stanov, pole-vaulter Boulakov and shot-putter Lipina.

—France-Press.

8 English Cricketers Await Tax Gifts

By BRUCE HARRIS

Eight happy professional cricketers will be awarded by their county clubs during the coming season the tax-free benefits for which they ought to raise their glasses to the memory of one James Seymour of Kent.

His own benefit, more £200 back in 1920, was no precious to him that he struggled with the income-tax people for seven years before the then Lord Chancellor and four Law Lords gave the no-tax finding for which Seymour has been blessed ever since. Three years later he died.

Four of the 1959 beneficiaries belong to the south — Jack Robertson (42), of Middlesex; Ken Preston (33), Essex; Bernie Corns (38), Surrey, and Vic Cannings (39), Hampshire.

HOME APPEAL

Robertson is now twice blessed. He and a benefit worth £4,500 in 1951, comparing rather poorly with Denis Compton's £12,200.

Now the committee has decided that the match against Yorkshire at Lord's on August 15, 17 and 18 shall be all his.

England, in Australia, has younger opening bats than Robertson, but certainly none better.

Tom Graveney (31) takes his benefit when Middlesex visit Cheltenham, where Graveney lives, on August 12, 13 and 14. He is an in-and-out scorer in international cricket, but his Gloucestershire will ensure him weather permitting lots of money as benefits go in those parts.

—(London Express Service).

Russia Beat US In World Ice Hockey Tourney

Prague, March 9.

The Soviet Union beat the United States 5-1 here today in their final pool match of the world ice-hockey championships. Russia scored in the fourth minute and led 1-0 at the end of the first period.

Russia made their usual cheap attack right at the start and pinned the Americans in their defence zone. McCarran, the American goalie beat out several fierce Russian drives while lying on the ice before Prazhnikov shot one past him from a Dekorsky pass.

Power Play

The power play continued right through the first period, but there was no further score. Grasev added a second Russian goal in the second period which ended with the Russians leading 2-0.

In another final pool match Czechoslovakia beat Sweden by four goals to one.

The consolation pool for seventh to 12th places played off in Czechoslovakia towns today resulted as follows:

Norway and Switzerland drew 4-4.

West Germany and Italy drew 2-2.

East Germany beat Poland 5-1.

Standings

Standings in the world ice-hockey championships after the first day's play-off were:

FINAL POOL

1. Canada, 2 points, 6 goals to 0.

2. Soviet Union, 2 points, 3 goals to 1.

3. Czechoslovakia, 2 points, 4 goals to 1.

4. Sweden, 0 points, 1 goal to 4.

5. United States 0 points, 1 goal to 5.

6. Finland, 0 points, 0 goals to 6.

CONSOLATION POOL (For 7th to 12th places)

7. East Germany 2 points.

8. Norway, Switzerland, West Germany and Italy, 1 point each.

12. Poland 0 points.—France-Press.

COLLINS WINS NEW ORLEANS OPEN GOLF

New Orleans, Mar. 9.

Baltimore's Bill Collins, who almost quit the pro tour because of his terrible putting, pulled his way to victory today in the \$20,000 New Orleans open golf tournament and \$2,600 in prize money.

The husky, 30-year-old golfer fired a two-under-par 10 in the final round to overtake third-round leader Gene Littler of Singing Hills, California. Collins' 72-hole score was 68-72-70-70-280.

Littler lost his magic putting touch after making a record-breaking, second-round score of 64. He shot a three-over-par 75 today and wound up in a three-way tie for third-place money.—U.P.I.

UK Soccer Results

ENGLISH LEAGUE

Division III

London, March 9.

Results of tonight's football matches were:

Newport 3, Tranmere Rovers 0.

Southampton 0, Brentford 0.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE

Division I

Hearts 4, St Mirren 0.—Reuter.

Australia Knows Nothing Of Steps Against 'Chuckers'

Melbourne, Mar. 9.

The Australian Cricket Board of Control knows nothing of steps being taken to prevent bowlers throwing or bowling with a jerry action, the Board of Control secretary, Mr. Ledward said in Melbourne today.

In England yesterday, the chairman of the English Selection, Mr. G. O. Allen hinted that steps were being taken to prevent bowlers throwing or bowling with a jerry action.

Mr. Ledward said the Australian Board of Control had not discussed the matter.—China Mail Special.

Sports Diary

TODAY

Green Howards Inter-Company annual athletic meeting, Stanley, 2 p.m.

TO-MORROW

Cricket Match at Boundary Street, 4.30 p.m.

Annual meeting of UK Amateur Swimming Association, Club, 6.20 p.m.

Barney Stone Shield: Club ground, 5.40 p.m.

REPRIEVE?

Crossan Ban May Be Lifted

By DAVID JACK

JOHN CROSSAN, banned from English and Irish Soccer for life, will probably be playing again at the start of next season. And he won't have to go to Italy or any other foreign country.

That is my up-to-the-minute news from Northern Ireland—where the "Crossan Case" is now under Irish Football Association review.

My information suggests that evidence being brought on Crossan's behalf will convince both the Irish League, and the Football League that their severe sentence on this 20-year-old Coleraine starlet should be reduced to several months' suspension.

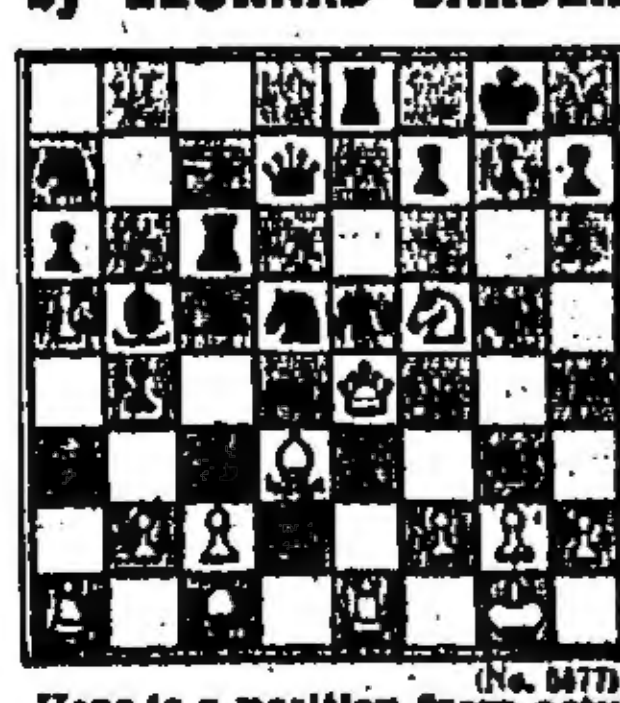
Another Tip

That's tough enough... but I'm sure Crossan will be happy to settle for it after being given a life sentence.

Here's another tip—from a Coleraine official. If and when Crossan is permitted to resume his Soccer career, Bristol City WILL NOT get first option.

CHESS

by LEONARD BARDEN



Here is a position from actual play: White to move and win material. Solution No. 5576: 1. P-Q4 (threat 2. R-N2), 2. P-R3, 3. Q-Q3, or 1. R-K4, 2. R-K5, or 1. R-K4, 2. R-K5. —London Express Service.

RICHARDSON SUSTAINS CRACKED RIB

Wellington, Mar. 9.

Peter Richardson, England's opening batsman, has a cracked rib, an X-ray revealed today. The left-hander was stuck while batting in the match against Wellington here on Friday. He will miss tomorrow's match against Central and Northern Districts at Hamilton, but may be available for the Auckland-Test beginning this weekend.—China Mail Special.

THE GAMBOLS

By Barry Appleby



RAHROK



experienced in a way the same critical golf that took our grandfathers out into the sandhills with their "rust-iron," testing up the ball within six feet of the hole on a pinch of sand taken from the hole itself.

I wonder what we should have thought if someone had come up to us and said: "My boys, you will live to see the day when a silver-clubbed character impersonated in 'Chester Forgets Himself' which would be almost my first choice for an anthology on golf, would hardly strike the same chord with the well-behaved young golfer of today as it always did with me."

Of one thing I fancy myself to be certain in the memory, namely that golf was not only simpler but also more unimpaired. People gave vent to their feelings and blow off steam in a manner which would be considered most unfriendly today. For myself, the game used to make me passionately angry—which is perhaps why it is such a good education—but I am happy to have shared the juvenile delinquency with the greatest golfer of all time, Bobby Jones.

Make Us Feel Young When I began, golf and bad language were almost synonymous, half the funny stories and nearly all the comic pictures relating to golf were of Bishops or retired colonels appalled with rage.

It was, of course, easier to snap a hockey shaft across the knee than steel—and much cheaper at that—but it strikes me that P. G. Woodhouse's silver-clubbed character impersonated in "Chester Forgets Himself" which would be almost my first choice for an anthology on golf, would hardly strike the same chord with the well-behaved young golfer of today as it always did with me.

Far be it from me to lead youth astray by suggesting that this is a pity—but they will understand perhaps why some of us do not in our hearts share the forty moral indignation directed upon the Tommy, Bobs, and other club flingers of the world. They make us feel young again.

Pro Tennis Hits A New Peak

KRAMER'S TROUPE NOW GIVING THEIR BEST WITH NEW SET-UP

New York, Mar. 9.

Promoter Jack Kramer is convinced he has found the long-sought cure for what ails professional tennis and the results already are beginning to show.

His 1959 barnstorming troupe—Pancho Gonzales, Australians Lew Hoad, Mal Anderson and Ashley Cooper—are setting an all-time high for competitive fervour in what promises to be the best tour yet.

And it all came about for a plain everyday reason, namely, money.

"We've finally made some sense out of this barnstorming business," said Kramer. "This year, the player who wins the most matches wins the most money. Up to now, we had the only sport on record that paid the challenger more money than the champion."

This year all the vaudeville aspects, including frequent suggestions over the years that the lads weren't always playing it on the level, have disappeared. Big money is at stake every night they play and they play it to the hilt.

The Set-Up

"Any player who hits a hot streak like Hoad has now can win \$3,000 in a week," said Kramer. "How many pro golfers can do that?"

The financial arrangements continue to be highly complicated but for the purposes of the American tour now underway—the phase of the schedule that really means the big money—it is simple.

There is \$1,500 prize money at stake each night. Winner of the feature match gets \$800, the loser \$200. Winner of the preliminary match wins \$400 and the right to play in the feature at the next stop on the tour. Loser of the preliminary gets \$200 and remains a "prelim boy" at the next stop.

Even a flat man like Gonzales knocks his brains out

trying to win that \$800 feature match," said Kramer. "If he loses, he has to win a prelim before he gets another crack at the bigger money."

In other years, when Kramer had to guarantee his latest amateur convert a huge fee to turn pro against the reigning champ, the champ (Gonzales for four straight years) dusted off the newcomer with ease.

Out All The Time

Sometimes Pancho would pile up a long lead on the trail and then would coast awhile if he didn't feel too fit.

"But they all have to put out all the time this year," said Kramer. "If they don't their paycheques suffer."

Off their first six matches it's apparent that Hoad is much improved over last year and will cause Gonzales far more trouble. It's also obvious at the moment that neither of the rookies—Cooper or Anderson—will win many matches against the two veterans.

Biggest Bargain

Hoad was the biggest winner on the Australian circuit this winter with \$9,175 won, though he missed a few matches with a sore elbow. He also grabbed an early lead in the US phase of the tour, winning \$3,000 in the first nine days.

Gonzales, who won an even \$9,000 in Australia, picked up \$2,700 more in his first six matches of the US tour but lost

two of his first three show-downs with Hoad.

So far, Anderson has proved the biggest bargain of the rookies. Kramer had to guarantee him only \$40,000 to turn pro as against \$100,000 guaranteed to Cooper, who won the Wimbledon, Australian and US amateur titles in 1958. But Cooper has won only one of seven matches from Anderson since they turned pro.

All in all, though, there's a difference that's readily apparent over other years when the 1959 troupe came onto the court. Each night they're playing for a cash prize and the man that wins oftenest grows the richest.—U.P.I.



LEW HOAD... biggest winner of Australian circuit and most likely to give Gonzales the greatest trouble in current tour.

MILWAUKEE GAMES OPEN WITH ONE NEW RECORD

Milwaukee, Mar. 9.

Olympic runner Ira Murchison of Chicago, making his first indoor start of the season, won the 50-yard dash in near-record time tonight at the opening of the eighth Milwaukee Games.

Murchison stroked across the boards in 5.3 seconds, only one tenth of a second over the meet record by Abe Woodson of Illinois. Ward Miller of Illinois was only a shoulder behind him at the finish line.

Big Ten champion Willie May of Indiana University opened the colourful games before a

sellout crowd by winning the 50-yard high hurdles in 6.4 seconds. Joel McNully was second and Richard Stillwagon of Purdue third.

Charlie Jenkins, untitled speedster from Boston, set the first games record of the night in the University 600 yards. He was clocked in 1:11.8—a full second better than the record by Mel Whitfield in 1958.

Ron Elthorn of Purdue came home in 1:11.9 and former Big Ten-Great Willie Atterbury of East Lansing, Michigan, in 1:12.20.—U.P.I.

S. African Golf Champion Loses To Schoolboy

Johannesburg, Mar. 9.

John Hayes, 15-year-old schoolboy from Pretoria, beat South African open golf champion Arthur Stewart by 5 and 4 in the first round of the South African amateur match play championship here today.

Another shock today was the first round elimination of the title-holder, Jimmy Boyd, who lost to L. Phillips at the 18th.—China Mail Special.

Eye Removed, Struck By Hockey Ball

Olympic hockey star Mike Doughty, capped eight times for England, has had his right eye removed after being struck by a rising ball in a London match.

As far as it can be recalled he is the first English international to suffer such a grievous injury since the war. This is a remarkable fact, for hockey is especially dangerous in Britain owing to the poor state of pitches, even among the top clubs.

Hockey is the most amateur of all sports, and there is not enough cash to provide many first-class grounds. But the real bug-bear is the English weather.

THE BUG-BEAR

Many think that the game should be played in the summer. Then the ball could only be lifted by intentional under-cutting, which is against the rules, or by flicking.

More important, it would enable British players to employ real ball-control and adopt the skilful techniques of the Indians, undisputed world champions.

Under present conditions, British club players find it far more profitable to concentrate on speed and power than skilful stickwork and clever inter-passing movements.

The basic skills of the game are becoming lost, and without them Britain cannot hope to regain her position as the greatest hockey power in the world. —(London Express Service).

Soccer Clubs Hard Hit By Television

London, Mar. 9.

Television of Saturday sport in England is hitting the smaller soccer clubs so badly that the English Football League is considering banning it.

"We have got to safeguard the interests of the smaller clubs because we have evidence that they are suffering from Saturday afternoon television," said Mr. Joe Richards, president of the Football League, after a meeting of the chairman of Football League clubs today in London.

"It might well be that an approach will be made to other sporting organisations to prevent it," he added.

The subject is to be considered further by the management committee of the Football League and at the annual general meeting of the league in June.—China Mail Special.

Derby Favourite Does Well

By PETER SCOTT

"Do you think he has done well this winter?" The question came from Chantilly's dark-haired little dynamo, Alec Head as we stood inspecting the 8-1 Derby favourite—Aly Khan's Saint Crespin III.

The answer was an emphatic "yes," and it coincides with the trainer's own quietly-expressed satisfaction.

It is little more than a decade since Alec Head left steeplechase riding to set up his own stable. Within half that time he had established an international reputation.

Too many classic and big stakes winners have passed through his hands for Head to start building dream castles about any well-bred horse in his yard, but his faith in once-raced Saint Crespin III is firm.

Well-Balanced

As a classic prospect, I prefer Princlion, a strong well-balanced bay by Prince Edo. Princlion set a new time-record for seven furlongs at Longchamp in the autumn and looks like staying well.

Vimy's half-brother Marechal, by Doncaster Cup winner Fast Fox, has been a Derby "whisper" for some time, but he has yet to run.

Paraguana, a good third in the Cheveley Park Stakes, is none the worse for her race to the appalling conditions of that afternoon and, in a charming filly, could be a real threat in our 1,000 Guineas and Oaks.

Good Progress

There can be no question of the physical progress of this colt.

He has strengthened and developed into a horse of perfect proportions. Some veins stand out through his bright chestnut coat. He is "Fur Sang"—a blue blood.

Saint Crespin III's Kempton victory impressed all who saw it. First prize of £7,944 11s, made the imperfectly produced stakes the richest two-year-old race ever run in England, and in the field of 16 jockey Garcia was baulked when he wanted to start his effort.

Once he got clear the French colt gobbled up the ground.

Undecided

Just what will Saint Crespin III accomplish now that he has developed this strength? It is an exciting thought. Both his sire Auricle and half-brother Tulyar made immense improvement with maturity.

Saint Crespin III is in both the English and French classes but it is too early for the stable to choose their Derby.

It is in Saint Crespin III's favour that he stood the aeroplane trip to Kempton well. The colt is also entered for the

TKO WIN FOR AMERICAN

Sydney, March 9.

Willie Vaughn of the US stopped Freddie Cross of Wales in the 10th round of their scheduled 12-round bout tonight at Sydney Stadium. Each weighed 100 pounds.

The referee stopped the fight when Cross appeared too tired to continue the bout. Vaughn chased Cross in every round keeping at close range so the Welshman could not use his best punch, a strong right.—U.P.I.

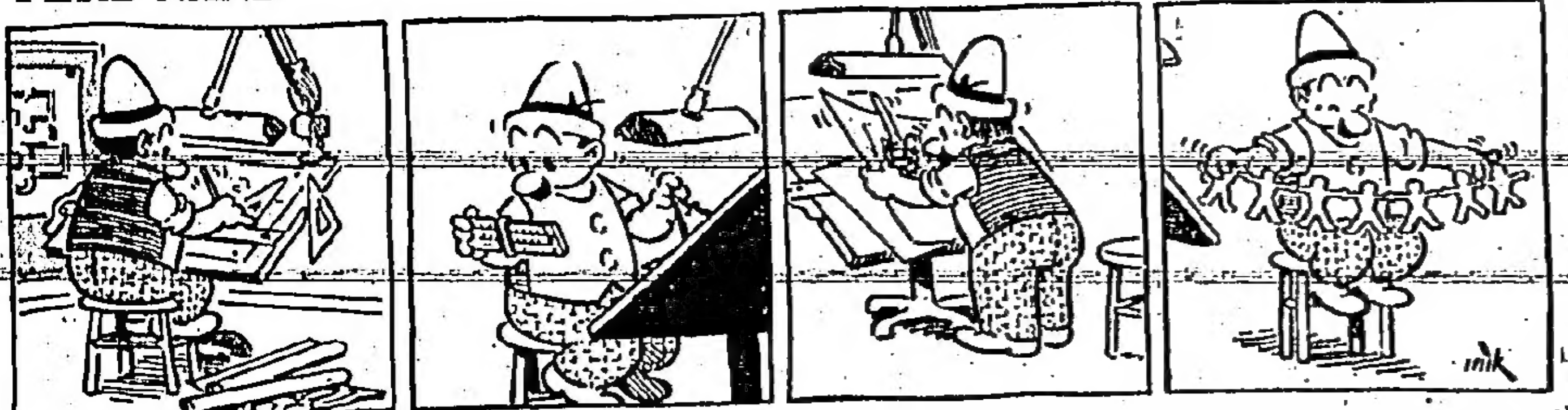
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by MADDOCKS



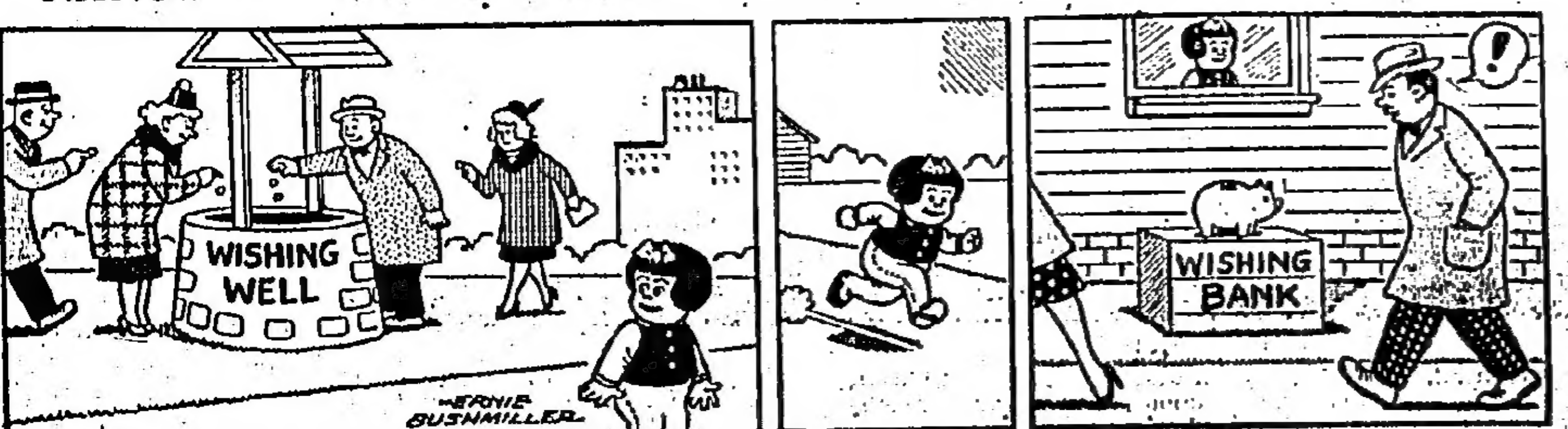
FERD'NAND

By Milk



NANCY

By Ernie Bushmiller



BRICK BRADFORD

By Paul Norris



London, Mar. 9.

Both the Oxford and Cambridge University crews made their first appearances on the Putney stretch of the river Thames here today to begin their final preparation for the 105th boat race on March 28.

The crews who have been training since the beginning of the year, paddled over the full boat race course of four miles 374 yards from Putney to Mortlake.

Oxford will row their first full course trial on Wednesday, and Cambridge will have theirs on Thursday.

Cambridge have won the last four races, and lead in the series with 58 wins to Oxford's 45. There has been one dead-heat.—China Mail Special.



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LETTERS
TO THE
EDITOR

ANTA Concerts

Sir.—Permit me to take up the argument which Mrs. Dekker raised in her yesterday's letter in respect to which American artists should be sponsored by ANTA and which should not have that distinction and honor.

For this purpose I would like to quote what I wrote about two years ago in the "South China Morning Post" as music critic on the occasion of the concert given by Benny Goodman and his band which was also sponsored by ANTA and presented by Mr. Harry Odell.

I wrote then: "They (Goodman and his co-kings of the swing era) produced from the inspired, but rather demoralized music of the early jazz era, a new music form, polished and popular, but rich in inventive genius, that could serve as a model for every small-town group to follow."

"After the war it took the United States some time to understand how deep the jazz had been sent into the rest of the world by men like Goodman. To impress nations overseas with American culture, musicians were sent abroad with Government aid to perform German symphony in Bonn and Italian opera in Rome. The natural reactions of the Germans and Italians was to say: 'Yes, these Americans perform our music quite well.' And the tours were judged successful."

But how much more valuable to American cultural prestige it is to send abroad exponents of the U.S.A.'s own musical culture, in which it not only has clear technical superiority but the undisputed credit of invention. Fortunately this idea penetrated through to American officials several years ago, when they discovered the propaganda pull of jazz in East Berlin; and since then the American jazz orchestra has been a steady builder of goodwill abroad."

I am still of the same opinion and I think that the "Golden Gate Quartet" in its own way—while one may like or not like it—is as representative of American culture, which naturally includes light entertainment too, as the jazz bands of Goodman and some of the colloquies and that for exactly the same reasons. Perhaps they are even more representative of American musical culture than artists like Flatogorsky, who was already a famous cellist before he became an American citizen.

Therefore, believe that ANTA is absolutely on the right track to send abroad such artists as Benny Goodman and the "Golden Gate Quartet."

But this, of course, does not exclude the right to criticize the quality of their individual performances from a strictly musical point of view as well as to dispute the manner in which their concerts are publicized. This, however, is a matter with which I do not want to concern myself.

ERNST GOTSCHALK.
Criticism
Sir.—Whilst I have no wish to prolong this correspondence I feel that the somewhat hysterical letter of "Musicien" calls for analysis.

In the matter of value for money "Musicien" must concede that the audience is the final arbiter, and judging by the enthusiasm at both performances the majority of the audience was satisfied on this score.

I presume your correspondent refers to the music critic of your esteemed morning contemporary. Comparisons are odious, but let it be said that in the opinion of many, your morning contemporary has an informed critic of fair and qualified judgment. If the sobriquet "Musicien" means anything he should not again the reviews of both critics and come to an unbiased conclusion. "Amateur" (in your issue of March 6) has apparently taken your critic literally. It he would consult with some of those who were present, he would find that the Golden Gate Quartet adhered fairly strictly to the published programme. By my count there were 16 items with 19 extras on the programme of which 16 items and 12 extras were sung, together with some extras not published in the programme. There was a good deal of "open" singing, and the microphones were used for background and harmonising effects. I refrain from the obvious comment.

NOBLE.
[This subject is closed.—Ed.]

Three More Tour Liners Due

Kungsholm Due Tomorrow
For 2-Day Stay

By A CHINA MAIL REPORTER

Three more luxury liners are due shortly to arrive in the Colony. They are the Statendam on March 22; Caronia on March 27 and Kanimbla on May 31.



QUIZ PRIZE
BRINGS
HIM TO HK

Reider Vendkvern, a Norwegian, won a quiz contest in Oslo seven months ago. He is now enjoying his prize in the form of a round-the-world trip at the expense of the contest's sponsors.

Mr. Vendkvern arrived this morning by PAA from Bangkok, after having travelled through Europe and India. From Hongkong he will go on to Manila, Sydney, New Zealand, Fiji, Honolulu, America and London. He expects to return to Oslo by April 10.

In August, last year, Mr. Vendkvern entered, with 50 other people, a quiz contest sponsored by the Farmers Co-operative of Hamar, Norway. Each contestant had to answer 30 questions on general knowledge.

At the conclusion, Mr. Vendkvern was presented with a cheque for US\$2,000, which included a free round-the-world trip. He began the world tour on February 23.

Gold Chain Snatched
A man snatched a gold chain, valued at \$120, from a woman pedestrian in Boundary Street, Kowloon, yesterday.

Caronia
The Caronia is carrying 373 passengers on her 109-day around-the-world cruise.

During the 33,000-mile trip she will cross the ocean and call at 24 ports in four continents. The Caronia left New York on January 20 and called in at Rio de Janeiro and Capetown before heading for the Far East.

She will visit Singapore, Bangkok, and Manila, before reaching Hongkong and will then head for Okinawa, Japan and Honolulu. The trip ends on May 8 when the Caronia returns to New York.

Captain Donald M. MacLean, a senior Cunard Line skipper, commands the Caronia on her world cruise.

Coming Back
The liner will remain in Hongkong for about two and a half days, during which time, a local tourist agency has arranged the usual sightseeing tours of the Island and New Territories and the customary Chinese dinners.

The Kanimbla will leave Hongkong on the evening of June 2 but it was learned that she will be re-visiting the Colony before the end of the year.

The Swedish liner ms Kungsholm, is scheduled to arrive in the Colony tomorrow. Her itinerary was reported in Saturday's China Mail. She leaves on Friday.

The 10,491 (gross) ton Statendam, owned by the Holland-America Line, and under the command of Capt. Van Dalen, is on her second round, the world cruise. She has a special cruise staff of 23.

The liner which is carrying 290 passengers left New York on January 6. The entire cruise will take 111 days, covering in all 27 ports and 33,200 miles.

Australian Ship
During her two-day stay in the Colony, passengers will be taken on Island and New Territories tours and will be entertained at the floating restaurants in Aberdeen.

She sails from Hongkong for Keelung on March 22 and will take in Japan, Honolulu, San Francisco and Acapulco before returning to New York via the Panama Canal. She is due back in New York on April 27.

The Australian liner Kanimbla, which made her first visit to the Colony in October last year, is due back again on May 31. She is owned by McIlwraith MacEacharn Ltd.

The 11,004 (gross)-ton liner is on a 40-day cruise from Sydney. Her other ports of call will be Rabaul, Yokohama, Kobe and Madang.

Govt Press Officer On Leave
He was giving evidence before Judge R. H. Mills-Owens in a case in which Cheung Sanyat, 31, also of the Lun Shan Village is charged with assault with intent.

Lam said that on June 22, last year, he was sleeping outside his hut when he heard someone speaking "with a loud voice" to his wife and asking for money.

I Was Followed
"I recognised the voice of Cheung," he said. I then looked and saw him kick my wife.

He was accompanied by four other men.

"When I saw the baby girl my wife was holding, fall on the ground, I got frightened and ran to the police station."

"Half way there, I noticed I was followed. Cheung, who was following me, caught up with me and chopped me on the right side of the head."

"I tried to push him away but he caught hold of my left hand."

"He chopped me again and then began to saw my left hand with the chopper."

"I then lost consciousness. When I came to, someone was helping me to get on my feet and I was taken to hospital. I had six wounds and I cannot use my left hand any more. I stayed one month and three weeks in hospital."

Inspector Wheeler is prosecuting, and Mr. William Wong (M.K. Lam and Co.) appearing for the accused.

Hearing is continuing.

MAN TELLS COURT OF
CHOPPER ATTACK

Ran When He Saw Wife Being Kicked

A 39-year-old farmer of the Lun Shan Village in the New Territories today told the Victoria District Court that he ran away from his hut when a neighbour accompanied by four other men came to his place and kicked his wife.

The farmer, Lam Shek Yau, said he got frightened when he saw the baby girl his wife was holding fall on the ground.

Govt Press Officer On Leave



Mr Stanley S. Knowles, Hongkong Government Press Officer, left this morning by Swire for Karachi, where he will join his wife and daughters, Dorothy and Gwen and travel to Europe on the my Asia.

He and the family are on home leave.

Priest Leaves

Fr. Francis Spaeth, O.D., who recently arrived here from Germany after attending the provincial chapter of the Dominican Order in Germany, returned to Taipei this morning by CAT. Fr. Spaeth represented German Dominicans in Taiwan.

Envoy Leaves
Mr Vega Mender, Panamanian Ambassador to Taipei, and concurrently Panamanian Consul-General in Hongkong, left Hongkong this morning by CAT for Taipei to attend a reception given by the Nationalist government in honour of King Hussein of Jordan, who arrived in Taipei yesterday.

Mr Vega expects to return to Hongkong in 10 days.

Burglary
Thieves broke into the third floor of No. 9A, Wan Fung Terrace, between late last night and early this morning and stole a diamond ring, two wrist watches and some money totally valued at \$1,900.

WHODUNIT!
London, Mar. 9.
The staff of the London Mystery Magazine Company had a mystery of their own to solve today.

Thieves broke into their office in London's West End during the week-end, forced open filing cabinets, with scissors, threw storybooks all over the floor, but stole nothing—China Mail Special.

Death Of Former Resident Of Shanghai
A former well-known Shanghai resident, Mr R. G. MacDonald, died in England on Sunday. He was 85.

Mr MacDonald served for many years on the Shanghai Municipal Council, and several of its sub-committees. He was Commissioner of Police Specials in the International Settlement in Shanghai for a number of years.

A businessman with wide interests, Mr MacDonald was on the Boards of a number of leading firms in Shanghai and was a director of "Doddwell's".

Before coming to Hongkong in 1936, Mr MacDonald was Chairman of Lester Trustee, and he liquidated the interests of Harvie, Cooke and Co., when he left Shanghai.



The 24,294-ton Statendam due in Hongkong on March 22.

Decorations
For Duke
Now Coming
Down

STAFF REPORTER

The decorations which were erected for the visit of the Duke of Edinburgh, are now being dismantled. But it is not yet known what is to become of them.

A Government official said he had received no instructions yet as to what would happen to them.

Then there are the lamp-posts which were painted in pastel-shades, along the route from Queen's Pier to Government House.

Again, no one is sure what to do with them.

One Government official said that they next coat of paint, which may be in another year. But, he added, he could not be sure.

Another official said they may be re-painted green very soon. Hongkong Electric too, are indefinite on this point.

Men Admit
Opium Charge

An opium dealer and an unemployed man were each fined \$1,500, or four months' gaol at Kowloon Court this morning, when they pleaded guilty of manufacturing opium without a licence and possession of dangerous drugs.

They are Ip Kau, 51, of 109 "P" Block, Shop Kip Mei Settlement Area, third floor, opium dealer, and Lau Wo, 52, of 13, Hang Tui, Main Street, Shop Kip Mei Village, unemployed.

A police party under Sub-Inspector Ng Shui-ai, and Inspector R. T. Sullivan, entered an unnumbered hut at Chu Kwo Chai Village, Shamshuipo, with a dangerous drugs warrant, on January 22.

There they found Ip and Lau surrounded with paraphernalia used for the manufacture of drugs.

Exhibits in court today crowded the prosecutor's desk. They included 80 tins of opium in three brass cans, one large and one small brass cooling pan, six tins of opium residue, an assortment of brushes, one large iron stove, two small kerosene stoves, a pair of tongs, three bamboo strainers, three wash basins, two strainers, one brass water container and two feathers.

China Mail Film
Critic To Be
Festival Juror

China Mail film critic, Anthony Fuller, is one of the two jurors from Hongkong invited to attend the forthcoming Sixth Asian Film Festival in Kuala Lumpur, on May 4 to 6.

The other jurors will be Mr Hinton, Cheong-jeon. They were recently elected to represent the Colony by the Hongkong Committee of the Federation of Motion Picture Producers in Asia.

From the Files
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years
AGO

SIR: Your paper recently published a telegram concerning the attitude of the Hongkong Government in the matter of cement used in the Colony. Reference was made to dumped cement.

As you are aware Japanese ships, which are heavily subsidised, secured the freight and are thus able to compete with British shipping operating from this port to a far greater extent than if no cement were carried.

Mr Malcolm MacDonald said in Parliament that the Hongkong Government was doing its best to combat Japanese dumping by using only British cement. I have before me a list of tenders accepted by the PWD up to the end of January which I have reason to believe is accurate. It is noted that out of the last 40 tenders for Public Works, 30 were based on using Japanese cement and were accepted by the PWD. The statement in Parliament, which was said to be based on local information, would therefore appear to be at variance with the facts. N. CROUCHER.

REPRIEVE
A secured for some of the Nathan Road trees. In view of the strong representations made to the Government, protesting against the wholesale felling of the banyan trees along the road, the original instructions to the Botanical and Forestry Department have been suspended pending further consideration.

Commenting editorially, the SCM Post said: "Kowloon residents will feel grateful for the Government's ready attention to the protests... His Excellency the Governor gives evidence again of a sympathy with public opinion which he has evinced many times since his arrival in the Colony."

"As long as this public-spirited attitude persists we need have no fear of serious disharmony in the Colony."

The death of Mr J. H. Hinton of Butterfield and Swire occurred at the Canossa Hospital yesterday. He died of pneumonia. He was 33. He was a keen cricketer and a member of the Hongkong Club.

HOLY Trinity Cathedral at Shanghai was the scene of an interesting wedding last week when Miss Jessie Ritchie Main, Neil, daughter of Mr and Mrs James Neil of Shanghai, became the wife of Mr Geoffrey Robert More, son of Mrs M. K. More of Hongkong. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. E. K. Quick.

Both bride and bridegroom are well-known in Shanghai being particularly active in sports.

The bride, whose father has been the Commodore of the Shanghai Yacht Club, is interested in sailing and rowing, taking part in the competitions at Ming-shing.

Mr More plays soccer and cricket and has played for Shanghai in the Interport Rugby team.

Prior to going to Shanghai, he played cricket in Hongkong.

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